ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)
WITH A CONCENTRATION IN
COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Associate of Arts - General AA; Communication Studies Concentration

Missoula College

Degree Specific Credits: 60

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2017-2018

Note: The AA degree has three requirements:
1. completion of UM's lower-division General Education Requirements (GERs),
2. a minimum of 60 total earned credits, and
3. a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

At least 30 of the total 60 degree credits must be earned from Missoula College or UM-Missoula. Missoula College students are limited to enrolling in lower-division coursework (course level 100 or 200).

In addition, to receive an Associate of Arts with a Concentration in Communication Studies, a student must complete the requirements specific to that degree.

Summary

Degree Specific Requirements

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Note: Some courses required for the Associate of Arts with an Option in Communication Studies satisfy multiple Perspectives or GER Categories; visit with your advisor for more information.

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Minimum Required Grade: C-

Organizational Communication or Rhetorical Theory

Rule: Take one of the following

- COMX 220S Intro to Organizational Comm
- or COMX 240H Intro to Rhetorical Theory

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Statistics

Note: Completion of one of these courses satisfies the Symbolic Systems GER category.

Select one of the following: 3-4

- PSYX 222 Psychological Statistics
- SOCI 202 Social Statistics
- STAT 216 Introduction to Statistics

Total Hours 3-4

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Communication Elective

Rule: Complete 6 credits

Note: Student must select at least two directed elective courses (minimum of 6 credits). Directed electives must be approved by student's advisor.

Mathematics

Rule: Any Mathematics course level 104 or higher (excluding M 111).

Note: Appropriate placement into mathematics courses required. Prerequisites may apply. If a student successfully places into and completes a mathematics (either "M" or "STAT") course that is also considered a Symbolic System, that course may be used to count towards both the Mathematics and Symbolic Systems General Education Requirements.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

3 Total Credits Required

Writing Skills

Rule: Both WRIT 101 AND an Approved Writing Course are required.
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Note: Students who place into and successfully complete WRIT 201 are considered to have satisfied both the WRIT 101 and the Lower-Division Approved Writing Course General Education Requirements.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

3 Total Credits Required

WRIT 101
Rule: Take 1 of the courses below.

Note: Appropriate placement into WRIT 101 required. Prerequisites may apply.

WRIT 101 College Writing I 3
or WRIT 201 College Writing II

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Lower-Division Approved Writing Course
Rule: Any course designated as an Approved Writing Course during semester it’s taken.

Perspectives
Rule: A minimum of 3 credits towards each Perspective Category is required.

Note: Some courses satisfy multiple Perspectives or GER Categories; visit with your advisor for more information. Students who take the maximum number of Perspective “double-dippers” possible will be able to complete the Perspectives with a total of 21 credits.

In addition, courses required for the Associate of Arts with an Option in Communication Studies will satisfy applicable Perspectives or GER Categories.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

3 Total Credits Required

Expressive Arts (A)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Literary & Artistic Studies (L)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Historical & Cultural Studies (H)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Social Sciences (S)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Ethical & Human Values (E)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Democracy and Citizenship (Y)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Cultural and International Diversity (X)
Rule: A minimum of three credits is required.

Natural Sciences (N)
Rule: A minimum of six credits is required. At least one course must have a laboratory component.

AA Degree Electives
Rule: Number of elective credits required varies; student needs to ensure s/he earns at least 60 total credits for the AA degree.

Note: Transfer students may count up to 30 transfer credits towards the total 60 necessary for degree. A maximum of 15 technical credits may be counted towards the total 60. (A student may use 20 technical credits towards the 60 if s/he has earned an AAS degree.)

Minimum Required Grade: C-

13-27 Total Credits Required