## 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 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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<td>Intro to Visual Rhetoric</td>
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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 3
- or COMX 240H Intro to Rhetorical Theory 3

**Total Hours** 3

**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.
**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.

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**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.

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**Natural Sciences (N)**

**Rule:** A minimum of six credits is required. At least one course must have a laboratory component.

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**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

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**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.