

ARTS, COMMUNICATION OPTION, AA

Associate of Arts, Communication Option (202001AA)

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Program Information

The Associate of Arts degree cultivates in students the habit of life-long learning through a diverse curriculum and teaches students to think critically and creatively about their perceptions of ideas, events and people. This degree is designed to position the student for successful employment, career advancement or more focused study in Communication at the baccalaureate level.

Career Information

There are many careers a student can pursue with an Associate of Arts degree. For additional information please visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov (<https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bls.gov%2F&data=02%7C01%7Csjj%40uakron.edu%7C3d9c4bf7309a42537fee08d7e83f4e0f%7Ce8575dedd7f94ecea4aa0b32991aeedd%7C0%7C0%7C637233230913435252&sdata=wdFJD1DvDDyen2jDZ8tptMsjr2An05yBff7JL%2FxFWF1A%3D&reserved=0>) or visit the Career Center at the Student Union, room 211.

Bachelor Degree Program

Students earning an Associate of Arts - Communication Option can "step up" to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication or many other degrees offered at The University of Akron. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss all the options.

The following information has official approval of the **The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (DPR) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor. Transfer students should consult their Advisor to identify courses that are equivalent.

1st Year		Hours
Fall Semester		
2020:121	English	3
7750:230	Human Relations ⁴	3
7600:101	Introduction to Communication ⁸	3

7600:105 or 7600:106	Introduction to Public Speaking ² or Effective Oral Communication	3
Select one of the following:		4
2030:152 & 2030:153	Technical Mathematics II and Technical Mathematics III ¹	
-or-		
2030:161	Mathematics for Modern Technology ¹	
Hours		16

Spring Semester		
2020:222	Technical Report Writing	3
2040:241 or 2040:242 or 2040:243 or 2040:247	Technology & Human Values ⁴ or American Urban Society or Contemporary Global Issues or Survey of Basic Economics	3
7750:244 or 3002:256	Death & Dying ^{1,3} or Diversity in American Society	3
7600:219 or 7600:235 or 7600:274 or 7600:360	Introduction to Public Relations or Interpersonal Communication or Introduction to the Media Industries or Theories of Rhetoric	3
7600:228 or 7600:230 or 7600:231 or 7600:232	ZTV ¹⁰ or WZIP-FM or Forensics or Buchtelite	1
Beginning Language I ^{3,11}		4
Hours		17

2nd Year		
Fall Semester		
3400:210 or 3400:221	Humanities in the Western Tradition from Ancient Times to 1500 ^{3,6} or Humanities in the World since 1300	3
Natural Science Requirement with Lab ⁵		4
Communication Electives ⁷		6
Hours		13

Spring Semester		
3300:252 or 3600:101	Shakespeare & His World or Introduction to Philosophy	3
7100:210 or 7500:201 or 7900:200	Visual Arts Awareness or Exploring Music: Bach to Rock or Viewing Dance	3
7600:245	Argumentation ⁸	3
Natural Science Requirement ⁵		3
Communication Electives ⁷		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		61

Communication Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
7600:384	Communication Research ⁸	3
Public Relations Electives		
7600:209	Principles of Social Media	3
7600:219	Introduction to Public Relations	3
7600:303	Public Relations Writing	3
7600:309	Public Relations Publications	3

Media Studies Electives

7600:210	Multiplatform Production ⁸	3
7600:274	Introduction to the Media Industries	3
7600:284	Legal Issues in Media	3
7600:300	Newswriting Across the Media	3
7600:317	Topics in Media Production	3
7600:368	Basic Audio & Video Editing	3

Strategic Organizational Communication Electives

7600:226	Interviewing	3
7600:227	Non-Verbal Communication	3
7600:235	Interpersonal Communication	3
7600:252	Persuasion	3
7600:305	Communication Theory	3
7600:325	Intercultural Communication	3
7600:344	Small Group Communication	3
7600:360	Theories of Rhetoric	3

¹ If you take a 3 credit mathematics course, then you must choose a Domestic Diversity course from the Ohio Transfer Module (7750:244 Death & Dying or 3002:256 Diversity in American Society) or an additional course from the Ohio Transfer Module. If you take a 4 credit mathematics course, then you may choose any Domestic Diversity course, including 7600:325 Intercultural Communication, which also counts as a Communication Elective Course in the Communication Option.

² A grade of C or better is required in order to graduate

³ You must complete 32 credit hours in your first year to meet the prerequisite for 3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition from Ancient Times to 1500 and 3400:221 Humanities in the World since 1300

⁴ If you take a Social Sciences Equivalent course, it must be a course in the Ohio Transfer Module

⁵ Seven hours of science are required. A majors-track course in the natural sciences from the Ohio Transfer Module can substitute for a General Education Natural Science course

⁶ If you take an Arts or Humanities Equivalent course, it must be a course in the Ohio Transfer Module.

⁷ Communication Elective Courses (choose 3): You are allowed to take any 3 courses listed below but it is strongly recommended that you choose courses from the same area. Only 200 level courses are required to complete the degree. However, 300 level courses may be used for electives if you choose to take them.

⁸ This is a core course for a Communication Bachelor's Degree

⁹ This degree requires that you take a minimum 36 credit hours of courses in the Ohio Transfer Module.

¹⁰ Students who do not wish to participate in a co-curricular activity may instead take one additional 3 credit elective from the list of Communication Elective Courses

¹¹ 7700:101 American Sign Language I may be taken in place of Beginning Language I.