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 lifelong 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 or visit the UA Career Center.

Bachelor Degree Program
Students earning an Associate of Arts - Communication Option can "step up" to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication or 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 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
Fall Semester
2020:121 English 3
7750:230 Human Relations 4 3
7600:101 Introduction to Communication 8 3

Spring Semester
3300:222 Technical Report Writing 3
3600:241 Technology & Human Values 4 3
or 3850:243 or Contemporary Global Issues
7600:219 Introduction to Public Relations 3
or 7600:235 or Interpersonal Communication
or 7600:274 or Introduction to the Media Industries
or 7600:360 or Theories of Rhetoric
7600:228 ZTV 10 1
or 7600:230 or WZIP-FM
or 7600:231 or Forensics
or 7600:232 or Buchtelite
7750:244 Death & Dying 1,3 3
or 3002:256 or Diversity in American Society
Beginning Language I 1,11 4
Hours 17

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

Spring Semester
3000:252 Shakespeare & His World 3
or 3600:101 or Introduction to Philosophy
7100:210 Visual Arts Awareness 3
or 7500:201 or Exploring Music: Bach to Rock
or 7900:200 or Viewing Dance
7600:245 Argumentation 8 3
Natural Science Requirement 5 3
Communication Electives 7 3
Hours 15
Total Hours 61

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.
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.

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

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.

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

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.

This is a core course for a Communication Bachelor’s Degree.

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

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.

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

### Communication Elective Courses

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<td>Introduction to Public Relations</td>
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<td>Public Relations Publications</td>
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<td>Multiplatform Production</td>
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<td>Introduction to the Media Industries</td>
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<td>Legal Issues in Media</td>
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<td>Topics in Media Production</td>
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<td>Basic Audio &amp; Video Editing</td>
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**Public Relations Electives**

**Media Studies Electives**

**Strategic Organizational Communication Electives**

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