

## What is Communication Studies?

A degree in Communication Studies helps students develop practical communication skills for engagement around campus, in the workplace, at home, in society, and in the world. Students who earn a degree in Communication Studies may find employment opportunities in a variety of areas where they will need effective interpersonal, organizational, intercultural, ethical and media savvy communication expertise. A bachelor degree in Communication Studies also prepares students who want to enter graduate school for advanced studies in communication, media, education or other related fields. *Source: <http://plymouth.edu>*

## Which Degree do I Begin with?

Students who are interested in transferring to a university and majoring in Communication Studies, Communication, or Journalism should plan to complete the **Associate in Arts & Sciences Direct Transfer Agreement (AAS-DTA)**. A concentration in Communication Studies is available. Details are available at <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/graduation/academic-concentrations/>

## What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a Communication Studies major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Other Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL&amp; 101†</li> <li>ENGL&amp; 201 or 271†</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MATH&amp; 107†</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMST&amp; 102†</li> <li>CMST 202</li> <li>CMST&amp; 220</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMST 141</li> <li>*2-3 quarters of the same level of foreign language (or 2-3 years in high school)</li> </ul>

†: Recommended during the first year of study.

\* Foreign language requirement: *Strongly recommended*-3 quarters (15 credits) of the same college-level language OR 3 years of high school foreign language. Please note that this is not necessarily a requirement at all universities. Please check the admissions/graduation requirements at your target universities.

**Many Communication Studies programs have prerequisites. Please check with the major-specific website or an advisor at your target university or universities to learn about other important prerequisites.**

Check your degree progress!  
Log into degree audit at:  
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

## Course Planning Notes

Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
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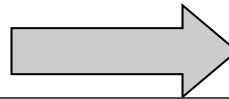
## Beyond BC with a Communication Studies Degree!

### Possible Career Options...

- Advertising agent
- Anchorperson
- Announcer/broadcaster
- Biographer/videographer
- Campaign worker/manager
- Communication consultant
- Community advocate/educator
- Copy writer/Technical writer
- Film critic
- Human Resources Administrator
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Marketing director/Integrated Marketing Communication
- Media commentator
- Motivational speaker
- Production technician (TV/film)
- Public relations
- Public servant/politician
- Publicist
- Social media consultant
- Television writer... *and more!*

Learn more about career options at <https://www.wois.org/>

**Select Washington universities which offer a degree in Communication Studies**  
*(some program options vary)*



**Central Washington University**  
**Eastern Washington University**  
**The Evergreen State College**  
**Gonzaga University**  
**Pacific Lutheran University**  
**Seattle Pacific University**  
**Seattle University**  
**University of Washington-Seattle**  
**University of Washington-Bothell**  
**University of Washington-Tacoma**  
**Washington State University**  
**Washington State University @ Everett**  
**Western Washington University**  
**University of Puget Sound**

## Here's the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Depending on the university, a Communication Studies program is generally considered a competitive major. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss prerequisites and transfer program options.
- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some are titled Communication Studies, some Communication, some Media and Communication Studies. Research different programs to find one that matches your interest and goals.
- Know the school's admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don't miss the graduation requirements.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.

## Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

**New to Bellevue College?** Connect with BC's Welcome Center via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/) or email [welcome@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:welcome@bellevuecollege.edu)

**Currently Taking Classes?** Connect with the Academic Advising Department via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/) or call 425-564-2212.

Communication Studies is part of the Arts and Humanities Division. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2341** or **425-564-2212**

**Looking for specific Career Information?** Connect with the Center for Career Connections via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/) or call **425-564-2279**.



**This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .**

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