

The Communication Studies program seeks to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of the nature of human communication, the symbol systems by which it functions, the environments in which it occurs, its media, and its effects. This program focuses on communication interaction between individuals and the impact each has on the other. Community college students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts degree before transfer.

Note: Students should be computer literate. Computer skills may be acquired before or early in the college experience.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program. Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.

Communication Studies - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Dr. Patricia Fulfs, Professor of Communication, 815-835-6224
- Dr. Paul Edleman, Professor of Communication/Political Science, 815-835-6265
- Noel Berkey, Assistant Professor of English, 815-835-6207

Total Hours Required - 64 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16 Hours

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 15 Hours

- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 161 - Small Group Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- **Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 181 - Intro to Mass Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)

- COM 151 - Interpersonal Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- COM 231 - Public Speaking (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *Three to four semesters of a college level foreign language or three to four years of a high school level foreign language may be required for a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- **One lab science required.