

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Communication Studies (610)

The Communication Studies concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in Communication or other discipline, such as business, in which communication is fundamental.

Communication Studies - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Transfer Considerations

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.

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.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Special Considerations

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

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 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)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - 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)
- COM161 - Small Group Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - 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)
- COM181 - Intro to Mass Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- COM151 - Interpersonal Communication (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.