



Suggested Schedule to Earn an Associate Degree

The suggested schedule below meets the requirements to earn an Associate in Arts degree with an emphasis in Communication Studies. If classes listed below don't fit your schedule or interests, you can take alternate classes! Visit this website for instructions: www.southseattle.edu/pathway-map-help.

Year One

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| Quarter One | <u>Credits</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL&101: English Composition | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST&101: Introduction to Communication | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language 1 | 5 |
| Quarter Two | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL&102: English Composition II | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST205: Multicultural Communication | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language 2 | 5 |
| Quarter Three | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST&220: Public Speaking | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NUTR&101: Nutrition | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language 3 | 5 |

Year Two

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| Quarter Four | <u>Credits</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLS&203 International Relations | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENV5150: Environmental Issues/Problems | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST&210: Interpersonal Communication -or-
CMST230: Small Group Communication | 5 |
| Quarter Five | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIO&100: Survey of Biology | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MATH 107: Math in Society -or-
MATH 146: Elementary Statistics | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST245: Media Communication
Criticism Online -or-
CMST275: Digital Communication | 5 |
| Quarter Six | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC&100: Introduction to Psychology | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC150: Race/Ethnic Relations | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST245: Media Communication Criticism
Online -or-
CMST275: Digital Communication | 5 |

Total Credits Required: 90

To Do List

- Quarter 1**
- Make an Ed Plan with an advisor
 - Get involved on campus thru Student Life
 - Tour the MySouth student portal
- Quarter 2**
- Apply for free money with FAFSA or WASFA
 - Attend a transfer fair and research options
- Quarter 3**
- Attend your major's info sessions at transfer institution
 - Attend a resume workshop
- Quarter 4**
- Update your Ed Plan with an advisor
 - Attend transfer events, including personal statement workshops
- Quarter 5**
- Apply to your transfer school
 - Re-apply for FAFSA or WASFA if transferring
- Quarter 6**
- Apply for Associate degree from South
 - Order cap and gown; attend graduation!

Pathway: Communication Studies



About the Communication Studies Pathway

This pathway is designed to meet Associate in Arts degree requirements with an emphasis in Communication Studies. Students pursuing this pathway explore the complex world of communications, its dynamics, and its impact on contemporary societies and cultures. It also allows you to transfer at the junior level into a communications program at a four-year college or university.

This degree provides students with foundational knowledge in public speaking, media, digital communication, and human relations. In this pathway, you'll take courses in public speaking, multicultural communication, and media communication and criticism. You'll also learn how to assess the needs and preferences of readers, viewers, and listeners as well as communicate information to diverse audiences effectively, with specific goals in mind.

The career choices for communications professionals are incredibly diverse, mostly because so many industries rely on these workers to get their message across effectively to the media, the public and their other business interests. If you want to improve your speaking and listening skills, or you want to turn your strong communication skills into a career, a degree in Communication Studies could be right for you!

Length of Program

90 credits = 6 quarters if you take 15 credits* each term.

**Students who take 15 credits each quarter earn their degree faster, qualify for more financial aid, and earn more money over their lifetime because they complete their schooling faster.*

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

Classes and labs are offered M-TH (2 days or 4 days a week) from 8am-4pm and in the evenings. We offer on-campus, online, or hybrid (part on-campus, part online) formats.

Career Opportunities

- Advertising
- Promotions
- Social Media
- Corporate Training
- Broadcasting
- Sales
- Public Relations
- Recruiting
- Sportscasting
- Customer Service
- Event Planning

A bachelor's or higher degree may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit the Communication Studies program page on South's website.

Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete this Associate degree, additional education opportunities include:

- A bachelor's degree in communications or a related field at a four-year college or university.
- [A Bachelor of Applied Science \(BAS\)](#) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college to college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.

Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition*\$1550
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees..... \$200

**Tuition based on WA resident rates. Rates for international students and non-residents may vary.*

Apply for Financial Aid

Did you know that the average student at South spends 3 hours applying for financial aid and gets more than \$4000 per year?

Visit www.southseattle.edu/financial-aid/ to apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back

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