PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

COMMUNICATION
Communication/Journalism
Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION
The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) with a focus in communication/journalism includes courses that are commonly required for these majors and meets lower division general education requirements at all Oregon public universities. COCC offers courses in public speaking, small group communication, interpersonal communication, as well as courses on the media, gender, intercultural communication, argumentation and journalism. One-credit, workshop-style courses are also available for those who want to learn team skills, conflict management, listening skills and the basics of free expression.

A degree in communication/journalism can lead to a career in teaching, the hospitality industry, broadcast and cyber media, human resources, business management, public relations, politics, law or the arts.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
Academic Requirements
• Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
• All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS
General Education/Foundational
Health
3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix

Mathematics
MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

Oral Communication
Choose one of the following courses:
3-4
SP 111 Fundamentals Public Speaking
SP 114 Argumentation & Discourse
SP 115 Intro Intercultural Commun
SP 218 Interpersonal Communication
SP 219 Small Group Communication

Writing
WR 121 Academic Composition 4
WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition 4
or WR 227 Technical Writing

General Education/Discipline Studies
One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

Arts and Letters
Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes
9-12

Social Science
Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes
12-16

Science/Math/Computer Science
Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science
12-20

Electives
Choose enough electives to reach the minimum of 90 credits for the AAOT
39

Total Credits 90-106

1 HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.
2 Speech communication majors should consider courses with ART, HUM, ENG, PHL, SP or TA prefixes.
3 Speech communication majors interested in quantitative communication studies should consider courses with a PSY or SOC prefix. Speech communication majors interested in rhetoric and public address should consider courses with an HST or PS prefix.
4 Related courses to consider: any course with a SP prefix

ADVISING NOTES
Oregon public universities offer a variety of programs for speech communication majors who seek a bachelor’s or more advanced degree. Some Oregon two-year and four-year colleges have required speech courses that are 4 credits, so students transferring to those colleges may find it helpful to take one of the 1 credit courses, such as SP 250 Listening, SP 252 Team Skills, SP 253 Conflict Management or SP 255 to supplement one of the 3 credit speech courses.
Oregon State University – Cascades offers a speech communication minor; contact its Admissions office for more information. OSU’s (Corvallis) department of Speech Communication offers undergraduate programs leading to BA or BS degrees, with concentrations in communication or theatre arts. Additionally, students at OSU can complete a minor either in communication or theatre arts, as well as one in the multimedia minors. At the graduate level they participate in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Oregon Tech’s Communications Department offers a BS in Communication Studies, with an optional certificate in Dispute Resolution. They also offer minors in Human Communication or Technical Communication.

Southern Oregon University’s Department of Communication provides students the opportunity to develop verbal and nonverbal communication knowledge and skills through exploration of human communication, mass media studies and journalism. In addition to these three degree programs, the department offers four minor options to support a variety of goals: human communication, journalism, media studies and public relations.

The University of Oregon’s School of Journalism and Communication offers majors in six areas: advertising, electronic media, communication studies, magazine journalism, news-editorial or public relations.

Western Oregon University’s Speech Communication Department offers a 57-hour major and a 27-hour minor in speech communication. In the liberal arts tradition, their program emphasizes classic texts of rhetoric, modern communication theory and the latest developments in mass media and communication technology.