

COMMUNICATIONS / JOURNALISM

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree
90 credits

The Speech Communication program offers courses in public speaking, small group communication, interpersonal communication, as well as courses on the media, gender, intercultural communication and argumentation. 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 speech communication 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.

The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree meets the state of Oregon transfer degree requirements, allowing students to transfer to an Oregon public university and some out-of-state universities having met all lower-division general education requirements. With appropriate course planning, all lower-division major requirements may also be met. Students should work closely with an advisor to select the best degree option and to review specific transfer requirements.

The following is a suggested course of study for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in speech communication.

Students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

GENERAL EDUCATION/FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Writing

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

Oral Communication

SP 111 or SP 114 or SP 115 or SP 218 or SP 219	Fundamentals of Public Speaking Argumentation and Critical Discourse Introduction to Intercultural Communication Interpersonal Communication Small Group Communication	3-4
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Mathematics

MTH 105 (or higher)	Math in Society	4
Recommend:		
MTH 111	College Algebra	

Health (3 credits with HHP prefix)		3
HHP activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated		

GENERAL EDUCATION/DISCIPLINE STUDIES

See the Discipline Studies list for options. One of the courses must be designated on the list as a cultural literacy course.

Arts and Letters	9-12
At least three (3) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.	

Speech communication majors should consider courses with ART, HUM, ENG, PHL, SP or TA prefixes.

Social Science	12-16
At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.	

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.

Science/Math/Computer Science	12-20
At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes including at least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science.	

ELECTIVES

Choose enough electives to reach the minimum of 90 credits for the AAOT. In addition to the recommendations listed below, speech communication majors should consider taking a broad range of courses.

SP 115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4
SP 218	Interpersonal Communication	3
SP 219	Small Group Communication	4
SP 220	Gender Communication	3
SP 230	Introduction to the Rhetoric of Film	3
SP 234	Introduction to Visual Rhetoric	3
SP 241	Media, Communication and Society	4
SP 242	Introduction to Broadcasting/Podcasting	4
SP 250	Listening	1
SP 252	Team Skills	1
SP 253	Conflict Management	1
SP 254	Free Expression and Public Assembly	1
SP 270	Communicating Love	3

TRANSFER INFORMATION

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, SP 252, SP 253 or SP 254, 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.