Program Description
The AA in communication studies provides students with an
academic core basic to a liberal arts education and facilitates
ease of transfer to communication programs at four-year
institutions. The degree provides analytical and critical thinking
skills that render recipients to be effective members of their
communities, both professionally and personally. A strength
of the communication degree is that it allows students to target
their studies toward areas of interest within the field. Areas
such as public relations, rhetoric, political communication,
interpersonal communication, organizational communication,
mass media, and others are popular at four-year colleges and
universities.

Students are encouraged to seek assistance from Communication
Studies faculty in making course selections to suit their
academic and career goals. Completion of the curriculum
requirements will lead to the award of the AA.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

• Research, analyze, organize, and deliver oral and written
  presentations appropriate for diverse audiences, purposes and
  occasions.
• Solve problems and work effectively in groups and teams.
• Demonstrate an understanding of communication theory,
  research and application.
• Use communication skills to be an effective group member or
  leader.
• Analyze cultural similarities and differences as they affect,
  and are in turn affected by the process of communication.
• Identify and articulate an ethical perspective within and
  across various contexts and cultures.
Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *  
MATH 117 - Elements of Statistics  
COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication  
OR  
COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication  
Arts Distribution  
World Language Elective or Humanities Distribution  

Second Semester
ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.  
Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution  
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab  
Program Elective  
World Language or Elective: Some transfer schools, including UMCP, have a Global Engagement/World Language requirement that may be fulfilled in ways other than taking language courses at MC. Review the policy and discuss with UMCP Communication advisor: http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/globalengagement

Third Semester
COMM 250 - Introduction to Communication Inquiry and Theory  
Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution  
Program Elective  
Program Elective  
World Language or Elective

Fourth Semester
Natural Sciences Distribution  
World Language or Elective  
Elective

Total Credit Hours: 60
* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.
** Behavioral and Social Science Distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.
‡ Choice of four from the following program electives: COMM 121, COMM 204, COMM 220, COMM 225, COMM 230, COMM 251, COMM 252, LING 200. Two courses must be at the 200 level.
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