

Communication Arts – Speech Option

The Communication Arts curriculum leads to the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. The Speech Option gives students a concentration in the field of speech communication with a liberal arts foundation. The program is primarily suited for students seeking transfer to a four-year institution, although some graduates may plan on immediately entering the work force as communications professionals.

For students seeking transfer, the curriculum closely parallels the foundation program of virtually any four-year college, most specifically those institutions in the Philadelphia area.

Studies within the Speech Option will help students develop interpersonal and professional communications competence and enhance their ability to work effectively in fields such as public relations, law, politics, sales, human relations management and the helping professions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this program graduates will be able to:

- Explain and demonstrate knowledge of nonverbal communication, listening, interviewing, small group behavior, conflict resolution and informative briefings.
- Communicate effectively through the use of critical thinking and organizational patterns with essays and in-class assignments.
- Exhibit proficiency in one-on-one communication in family, social and work situations.
- Describe the impact of mass media and technology on communication and the ethical responsibilities inherent in communication.
- Prepare and effectively deliver informative, special occasion and persuasive speeches.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The program is open to interested students. New students are normally required to take the College's placement tests at their time of entry. Students who are identified as needing developmental course work must complete satisfactorily the appropriate English and mathematics courses as a part of their degree program.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 61 credits and a grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average) are required for graduation.

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Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
FIRST SEMESTER			
ENGL 101 – English Composition I		3	ENGL 101
ENGL 114 – Introduction to Speech Communication	ENGL 101, which may be taken concurrently	3	
ENGL 137 – Introduction to Theatre Humanities	ENGL 101, which may be taken concurrently	3	Interpretive Studies
Math Elective (MATH 150 or higher recommended) ¹			3 Mathematics
PSYC 101 – Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology		3	Social Sciences
SECOND SEMESTER			
ENGL 107 – Society and Mass Communications	ENGL 101, which may be taken concurrently	3	
ENGL 115 – Public Speaking	ENGL 101 or 114, which may be taken concurrently	3	
ENGL 102 – English Composition II	ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102, Info Lit
Math Elective (MATH 150 or higher recommended) ¹		3	
CIS 103 – PC Applications		3	Tech Comp
THIRD SEMESTER			
1st Literature Elective – Choose one: ENGL 208, 209, 211, 212, 221, 222, 245, 246, 250, 251	ENGL 101	3	
ENGL 116 – Interpersonal Communication Humanities Elective ²	ENGL 101 or 114	3	
Directed Elective – GEOG, HIST, POLS, or SOC		3	
Science Elective (with lab)		4	Natural Science
FOURTH SEMESTER			
2nd Literature Elective – Choose one: ENGL 208, 209, 211, 212, 221, 222, 245, 246, 250, 251	ENGL 101	3	
Humanities Elective ²		3	
Directed Elective – ANTH, PHIL, HIST		3	
Directed Elective – ENGL 120, ENGL 205, or ENGL 271	ENGL 101 for ENGL 205 and ENGL 271	3	
Science Elective ³		3 or 4	
MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE		61	

General Education Requirements

All General Education requirements are met through required courses (as indicated above) except for the Writing Intensive requirement and American/Global Diversity requirement. Therefore, in order to graduate, students in this program must choose one course that is designated Writing Intensive and one course that is designated American/Global Diversity. The same course may be used to fulfill both requirements. A list of courses that fulfill these requirements and a more detailed explanation of the College's general education requirements appear elsewhere in this Catalog and on www.ccp.edu.

- 1 For appropriate transfer credit, math courses should be taken in consultation with an advisor.
- 2 Students planning to transfer to a school requiring a foreign language are advised to take two semesters of foreign language as their humanities electives. For appropriate transfer credit, these courses should be taken in consultation with an advisor.
- 3 Some transfer institutions require two lab sciences. Take these courses in consultation with an advisor.

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