

COMMUNICATIONS (SPEECH)

 Frederick Community College



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Communications (Speech)

Communications specialists may work in public relations, marketing, web and social media management, news, and journalism. Communications skills are versatile, and may be applied to a variety of positions in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

The Program

The Communications (Speech) A.A. Degree (Transfer) at FCC is designed for students interested in all fields stressing human interaction. In addition to communications courses, a broad range of social science and humanities courses are recommended. This option is designed to prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution.

Upon successful completion of the program students will be able to:

- Modify verbal and nonverbal communication appropriately given the purpose and the context of the communication.
- Plan, prepare, and deliver a well-organized, logical oral presentation that demonstrates critical thinking skills.
- Use appropriate presentation techniques (e.g. maintain eye contact, modulate voice, avoid distracting mannerisms, etc.)
- Employ appropriate discussion, negotiation, conflict resolution, and cooperation skills to work with people from a variety of experiences and backgrounds in the community and the workplace.
- Apply relevant criteria and standards when evaluating information, claims and arguments.
- Use appropriate reasoning to evaluate problems, make decisions, and formulate solutions.
- Demonstrate appropriate methods of integrating and documenting outside sources.
- Demonstrate effective listening behaviors in both interpersonal and group situations.

Transfer Information

The Career & Transfer Center has a variety of print and electronic resources available to help with transfer planning. ARTSYS, a computerized articulation system created especially to help community college students transfer to Maryland four-year institutions is available, as well as College Source and College Board. College Source also allows students to view college catalogs from across the nation.

Estimated Salaries & Growth Potential

Employment of media and communication occupations is projected to grow 4 percent from 2014 to 2024, which will result in about 27,400 new jobs. Demand for media and communication occupations should stem from the need to create, edit, translate, and disseminate information through a variety of different platforms. The median annual wage for media and communication occupations was \$53,530 in May 2015.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Media and Communication Occupations

Financial Assistance

FCC participates in federal, state and local financial aid programs. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, and for scholarships offered by the College and community. Financial aid applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, J301, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.frederick.edu.



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A.S. Degree (Transfer)

<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	
EN 101 English Composition	3
Mathematics	
Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list)	3/4
Social & Behavioral Sciences	
Two courses selected from different disciplines (GenEd course list)	6
Arts & Humanities	
Three GenEd courses, one selected from each area: Arts, Humanities, and Communications	9
Biological & Physical Sciences	
Two courses, one of which must be a lab science (GenEd course list)	7/8
General Education Elective (Select from GenEd course list)	3
PE/Health Requirement	1
Area of Concentration	
CMSP 101 Introduction to Communication Studies	3
CMSP 103 Speech Fundamentals	3
CMSP 105 Small Group Communication (satisfies cultural competence requirement)	3
CMSP 201 Foundations of Communication Theory	3
Electives	16

Students should check with an advisor or transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting electives. Depending on the transfer institution, recommended electives may include: CMSP107, electives in the Social Sciences, Digital Media, English or World Language disciplines.

For more information on Communications (Speech):

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