

Transfer Planning Sheet Communication Studies (COM)

The following SUNY Cortland courses are recommended by the department to complete prior to transfer. The transfer credit limit from a 2-year college is 64 credits. All classes are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. [SUNY Transfer Path](#) courses are underlined and notated in blue. Transfer students who have completed SUNY General Education prior to attending SUNY Cortland will have met their General Education requirements at SUNY Cortland.

SUNY General Education/Cortland Degree Requirements (36-37 credits)

Course I will complete at my current college:

- Communication 1 (GEC1)*
CPN 100 Writing Studies I
- Communication 2 (GEC2)*
CPN 101 Writing Studies II
- Diversity: Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice (GEDI)*
- Mathematics (GEMA)*
- Natural Sciences (GENS)* (3-4 cr)
- The Arts (GEAR)
- US History & Civic Engagement (GEUS)
- World History & Global Awareness (GEWH)
- World Languages (GEWL)**

*Indicates required SUNY General Education Category

**A foreign language course at the intermediate level II (202) is required for this major. Sign language is acceptable as a foreign language for this major.

Major Requirements (12 credits):

- COM 100 Human Communication (will also fulfill GE Humanities)
- COM 203 Introduction to Media Writing
- COM 210 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
(will also fulfill GE Communication – Presentation)*
- COM 301 Mass Media and Society (will also fulfill GE Social Sciences)

Electives (15-16 credits)

Total: 64

Communication Studies

School of Arts and Sciences

The program requirements pertain to the Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students currently on SUNY campuses should consult their academic advisor for additional choices in general education categories when any course is recommended.

- To view all required courses for the program and Cortland's General Education courses, see the most current undergraduate [Catalog](#).
- **Students can choose to add a concentration to this program.** You can choose from Journalism; Media Production; or Public Relations and Advertising.
- Use the [transfer equivalency tables](#) to choose equivalents at your transfer college.
- If you plan to transfer before you complete your associate's degree, you can still earn your degree via [Reverse Transfer](#).

About Communication Studies

Hone your critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills. Core courses will provide you with a strong foundation in all aspects of human communication. Design a program of study that meets your personal learning objectives and career goals when you choose elective courses within the major.

Career Potential

- Advertising
- Business
- Government
- Journalism
- Media production
- Public relations

What Will I Learn?

When you choose communication studies, you will:

- have a greater understanding of the role that communication plays in shaping culture and identity.
- look at the ways in which the process of meaning-making — whether through the use of words, images, symbols or technology — is used strategically to influence human judgment and actions.
- sharpen your critical thinking abilities, allowing you to become an ethical producer and consumer of messages.

Applying to Cortland

- SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Online [application](#). Choose just one way to apply; both require a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- If you apply to Cortland using the SUNY application, SUNY will waive the \$50 application fee for transfer students graduating with an associate degree from a SUNY or CUNY college, who apply directly to Cortland for baccalaureate programs.
- Fall applicants should apply by March 1. Spring applications should apply by November 1.
- After [applying](#), students must send transcripts from all colleges attended and a high school transcript.