

Christopher Newport University Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Communication

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at CNU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Foreign Language	3	One 3-credit hour language course at the 200-level is required for graduation
ENGL 123	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		COMM 249	3	
ENGL 223	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		COMM 452W	3	
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	1 Additional COMM Course	3	Select one: COMM 302, 303, 304
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		1 Additional COMM Course	3	Select one: COMM 402, 403, 404, 405
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		6 Additional COMM Courses	18	At least fifteen credit hours must be at the 300- 400 level
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS History		General Electives	27	If needed to meet 120 credits
Liberal Learning Curriculum	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences				
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3-5	Any UCGS Math				
COMM 201	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking				
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
COMM 222	3	CST 114 Survey of Mass Media				
Elective	3	CST 201 Intro to Communication Theory and Research	Will not count toward theory or research method requirements for the major at CNU			

COMM 211	3	CST 126 Interpersonal Communication				
Elective	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication.				
Liberal Learning Curriculum/Elective	15-17	If students have completed all requirements, they can choose to take ENG 121, CST 221, CST 228 or additional transfer electives.				
Elective		Any approved elective	If needed to meet 60 credits			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to CNU:

- Submit the [letter of intent](#) after at least 15 credit hours are earned at the VCCS, prior to graduation from the VCCS, and prior to applying for admission to CNU
- Graduate with a transfer-oriented degree from the VCCS with a 3.2 cumulative GPA
- Have at least one semester (fall/spring) with full-time enrollment (min. 12 credits)
- Maintain continuous enrollment in all non-summer terms from the point of registering their intent to transfer until the associate degree has been conferred

Formally apply for admission to CNU in the semester designated on the letter of intent and follow all admission processes, requirements and established deadlines

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** transfer.cnu.edu
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Once at least 15 credit hours are earned at the VCCS, prior to graduation from the VCCS, and prior to applying for admission at CNU by completing this form https://cnu.edu/admission/transfer/pdf/cnu-vccs_gaa_letter_of_intent.pdf
- **Admission Application for Fall:** Priority date is March 1, application closes mid-July
- **Admission Application for Spring:** Priority date is October 1, application closes mid-December
- **Financial Aid:** cnu.edu/financialaid/types/
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and CNU within your first year. College Connect is available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

Communication is a discipline concerned with the study of messages within the context of human relationships, communities and institutions. Courses in communication at Christopher Newport University examine the nature, use, role and interpretation of messages produced by, and for, individuals, communities and cultures. Students majoring in communication will learn to understand, interpret, produce and critique messages within the contexts of interpersonal, media and public culture.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer-oriented associate degree (including completion of an associate degree in high school) will satisfy all lower-level liberal

learning core requirements, excluding second language literacy, graduation requirements, upper-level requirements and concentration/minor/major requirements. Courses, with a grade of 'C' or better, that have a Christopher Newport equivalent will transfer for 60-66 hours of college-level credit.

- **Credit for Prior Learning:** CNU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP and military credits
- **Catalog Year:** <https://cnu.edu/public/undergradcatalog/>

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- We think 5,000 students is just the right size. We're large enough to offer a wide variety of opportunities, but we're small enough that you won't feel like you are just a number
- 90% of our faculty have the highest degree in their field but more important is their passion for engaging and advising students inside and outside the classroom
- More than half of our classes have 19 or fewer students and less than 5% have 50 students or more! Professors know our students by name and expect them to be engaged each class
- We enjoy a wonderful sense of community here, and our Honor Code is taken very seriously. We have a speaking tradition and you'll find that students and faculty here will hold the door for you and look you in the eye as you walk by

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower-division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at Christopher Newport University?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Since antiquity, scholars and practitioners have explored and grappled with the power of human communication—as a tool for persuasion, as a means of establishing and building relationships, and as a fundamental way to create meaning. Faculty in the Department of Communication focus on how human beings create and employ messages to accomplish these important purposes. Courses in communication focus on how those messages affect people, how they shape the thinking that individuals and communities do, and how they shape and reinforce the cultures and social structures in which we live. Students majoring in communication learn broadly about the nature and function of messages in relational, public, and mediated contexts. They learn how to understand and insightfully critique the function and power of messages. They also learn how to be more skilled and ethical producers of messages—as professionals and as citizens in a democratic society.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants. Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org or transfer.cnu.edu

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students are encouraged to participate in an internship while pursuing their degree
- Students are encouraged to study abroad while pursuing their degree