

# Old Dominion University Bachelor of Arts in Communication

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Communication

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at ODU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 100	1-2	SDV 100 or 101		COMM 200S	3	
ENGL 110C	3	ENG 111		COMM 301	3	
ENGL 211C	3	ENG 112		COMM 335W or 445	3	
Gen Ed: Liberal Arts	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.  Some colleges may require PHI 111 or 220	300/400 Level COMM Major Courses	18-27	Students must choose a major in the Communication degree plan: Communication Studies, Cinema & TV Production, Media Studies, Strategic Communication, or Organizational and Interpersonal Communication
Gen Ed: Liberal Arts	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		COMM Elective	3	
Gen Ed: Human Behavior	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		300-400 Level Non-Communication Electives	6	
Gen Ed: Interpreting the Past (H)	3	Any UCGS History		300/400 Level COMM Foundations Courses	9	
Gen Ed: Nature of Science (N)	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		Electives	9-18	
STAT 130M	3	Any UCGS Math	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or MTH 245 Statistics may be required			
COMM 101R	3	CST 100 or CST 110				
Gen Ed	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
COMM 260	3	CST 114				
COMM 112R	3	CST 201	This is not a required course for the Communication degree. It will equate to a COMM elective at ODU.			

COMM 395	3	CST 229			
Electives	3	ENG 121, CST 221, CST 126, or CST 228			
Additional Requirements	15-17	If students have completed all requirements, they can choose to take courses from previous rows of concentration courses or additional transfer electives.	Students who wish to major in Communication at ODU must complete foreign language through the intermediate level (= 202 at VCCS and ODU)		
		Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits			
<b>CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62</b>			<b>CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60</b>		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission Agreement to ODU

Students who meet the prescribed curriculum and the criteria below are guaranteed admission into Old Dominion University.

This agreement does not guarantee your enrollment in any specific major.

- Earn a transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts and Science, and Associate of General Studies at approved institutions only)
- Students may submit a [Letter of Intent](#) to Transfer after completion of 15 transferable credits, 2.5 or higher GPA, and 90 days prior to graduation from a VCCS institution. The letter of intent is not required for admission to ODU.
- Graduate with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program
- Enroll at ODU within one year of completing the transfer-oriented associate degree

Please visit the TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors. (Resource Center)

See the [VCCS Transfer Programs](#) page for more details in our Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

Please create an account through the [www.TransferVirginia.org](#) portal and click College Connect to indicate your intent to use this guarantee for admission to Old Dominion University.

This transfer guide shows an optimal path to a bachelor's degree in communications at Old Dominion University. Completing the coursework above will position you to transfer to ODU in Communication with junior standing and the potential to graduate in two years. If you complete the associate degree but haven't taken all of the recommended courses, you may still be able to pursue a Communication degree at Old Dominion University, but your time to graduation may be impacted.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.odu.edu/transfer>
- **Intent to Transfer (Optional):** Submit a Letter of Intent 90 days prior to graduation from a VCCS institution to ODU. You can review more information about the process at <https://www.odu.edu/transfer/guaranteed-admission>

- **Admission Application:** Priority deadline by August 1 for Fall Admission and by October 1 for Spring Admission. The application for admission can be found here:

<https://www.odu.edu/apply/applications>

- **Financial Aid:** [ODU Financial Aid](#)
- **FAFSA:** [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Connect with a pre-transfer advisor if you are considering transferring to ODU. Contact them at [transfercenters@odu.edu](mailto:transfercenters@odu.edu) during your final year at the VCCS.
- 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](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Old Dominion University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Students will gain hands-on experience to prepare them to work as professionals in the field. Unlike many other programs, we focus on real-world projects. You will work with clients in the community to make a real impact as you grow your professional experience and network.
- We are training our students to become digital strategists, health communication experts, in crisis communications, public relations and as educators, researchers, and scholars.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Lower Division General Education Requirements will be waived for transferable associate degrees. Students completing an AS in General Studies degree recognized by SCHEV are eligible for the waiver as long as they are completing a [transfer degree](#) approved by SCHEV at a VCCS.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The GAA at ODU applies to students who have earned an associate degree during high school. Students should apply as a freshman applicant and will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associated degree if admitted.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** ODU accepts credits from prior learning to include [AP](#), [IB](#), [CLEP](#), and [Cambridge Advanced A/S](#).
- **Catalog Year:** Undergraduate students may choose to graduate under the catalog in effect of their first enrollment at ODU or any subsequent catalog provided that the students graduate within six years from the date of first enrollment.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Old Dominion University's waterfront campus is in the coastal city of Norfolk, VA, home to the world's largest U.S. Navy base. From internship opportunities with some of the world's top companies, to great shopping and dining, to beautiful beaches and historic sites, there's always something to discover.

- ODU's 337-acre campus, with 3 higher education centers off campus, is the region's only public urban research university. It has both on-campus and off-campus housing options for almost 24,000 students, and a 16:1 faculty ratio.
- ODU is highly ranked among one of the best public higher education institutions in Virginia for Military Vets.
- Transfer students make up 40% of the undergraduate population.

Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://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 ODU?

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Our program offers diverse courses that give students research and insight in: Communication Studies: Relating Across the Lifespan, Professional Communication, Strategic Communication, Media Studies and Cinema and TV Production.

- Our programs meld the creative, critical, and empirical dimensions of communication into expressive and analytical tools that prepare students for existing and emerging careers and to become engaged and empathetic participants in their relationships, communities, and in society.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

As of current data from Fall 2024, ODU's acceptance rate for transfer students is approximately 99%.

Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Pitch and present ideas to a client or boss
- Write and create media, ranging from social media to graphics to film
- Conduct meaningful research to generate strategy and objectives for a client
- Use industry standard analytics platforms like Google analytics, Hootsuite, Cision and Meltwater
- Effectively reach out to the media and pitch a story or program

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA or better in the major and fulfill the requirements of the College of Arts and Letters.