

Radford University Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Communication

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2023-2025

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS					Complete at Radford University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY				BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	Gen ED*	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 100 (Elective)	1-2		SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		COMS 240 (Teamwork)	3	
ENGL 111 (Foundational Writing Course)	3	PUA	ENG 111 College Comp I		COMS 330 (Communication Theory)	3	Prereq for all 400 level Communication Classes Must pass with a C or Better
ENGL 112 (Writing Intensive Course)	3	UA	ENG 112 College Comp II		COMS 332 (Argumentation and Advocacy)	3	COMS 130 prereq
General Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	COMS 333 (Persuasion)	3	COMS 130 prereq
General Education	3	UA	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		COMS 440 (Listening and Nonverbal Communication)	3	COMS 130 prereq
General Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		COMS 451 (Intercultural and International Communication)	3	COMS 130 and 330 prereqs
General Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS History	Students will need to take electives in order to reach the required 120 credit hours to graduate	Required Communication Electives	9	Choose three of the following: COMS 314, 413, 415, 416, 433, 439, 457, 459, 465
General Education	4	PUA	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		Additional coursework to meet 120 hours	33	
MATH 100	3	PUA	Math 154				
COMS 114 (Public Speaking)	3	UA	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 105				

General Education	3-4	UA	Any UCGS transfer course			
COMS 130 (Intro to Communication)	3		CST 114 Survey of Mass Media			
COMS 231 (Research Methods)	3		CST 201 Intro to Communication Theory and Research			
COMS 250 (Interpersonal Communication)	3		CST 126 Interpersonal Communication	CST 126 is required and transfers in as COMS 250		
COMS 225 (Intro to PR)	3		CST 221 Public Relations	COMS 225 is a required course for the Public Relations concentration, but it is recommended for student in Communication Studies		
UCGS Electives	15-17		If students have completed all requirements, they can choose to take courses from previous rows of concentration courses or additional transfer electives.			
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CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		
<p>* A = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. U = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement. P = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.</p>						

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria are guaranteed admission into Radford University.

- Earn a transfer associate degree
- Earn a minimum of 2.8 GPA for the associate degree
- Good academic standing at a current institution

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for priority fall admission and November 1 for priority spring admission at <https://radford-info.org/transfer/>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://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 Radford University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The Communication Studies concentration prepares students for positions as professional communicators in both the private and public sectors.
- The Communication Studies Concentration prepares students for the future in two ways, becoming professional communicators and making contributions to various organizations and contexts from a communication perspective.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the REAL Curriculum (lower division/general education) requirements. Students will need to complete all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from RU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students completing the associate degree in high school should apply using the freshman application. If admitted, the student will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associate degree (as noted prior).
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** AP, IB, and CLEP are evaluated for credits (based on receipt and evaluation of official scores).

- **Catalog Year:** Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment at RU unless otherwise requested.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in the city of Radford, Radford University's campus community is well-known for strong faculty/student bonds, vibrant student life and a commitment to student support
- Situated in the stunning landscape of southwest Virginia, there are plenty of nearby opportunities to explore the outdoors
- With 70+ bachelor's degree programs across a variety of disciplines, the classes at Radford are hands-on in state-of-the-art facilities and designed to help you prepare for your chosen career path.
- Transfer students have the option of choosing to live on-campus or off-campus within the local area.
- Over 80% of students receive some form of financial aid.
- 16 Division 1 teams and 300+ student organizations
- 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 Radford University?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

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

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Real-world class experiences, internship opportunities, and faculty who care about you provide the foundation for success after graduation.
- Students have access to state-of-the-art facilities like research technology labs, podcasting studio, and television studio.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Of students who apply, usually about 65% of transfer applications are accepted to RU and about 80% of the entering transfer class comes from the Virginia Community College System.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- This program leads to graduate programs including our Master of Science in Strategic Communication.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- All students must complete 120 total credit hours and all of the BS/major requirements