

# Communications

## Degree Type

Associate in Arts

The Associate in Arts Degree in Communications has been developed to provide the first two years of preparation for a student wishing to complete a bachelor degree with a major in communication, media studies, or journalism.

Students selecting the Communications degree must have strong writing, critical thinking and application skills in order to be successful in this program.

Career tracks for the Communications major include print or broadcast reporting or editing, public relations, advertising, social media and education, among many other choices.

All students in the program are required to meet the requirements of the following courses to remain in the Communications degree:

- **ENGL101N** College Composition or ENGL110N Honors Expository Writing (minimum grade of C required) Note: transfer or Running Start credit requires a minimum grade of C; comparable CLEP score is 50.
- **COMM101N** Introduction to Media Studies and COMM115N Introduction to Media Writing (minimum grade of C is required to remain in the Communications program).

Students are encouraged to work closely with their academic advisor while at NCC. An early decision by students as to which four-year college/university they plan to transfer will make the advising process more effective. Students planning to transfer into a Communications program at a four-year institution are encouraged to contact that institution's transfer admission office to review specific curriculum requirements.

A minimum of 60 credits must be earned in the required categories to complete the program of studies. A minimum of 15 credits must be earned at Nashua Community College, and 8 of those 15 credits must be earned in courses at the 200 level.

Upon the completion of the degree in Communications, graduates will be able to:

- Display a professional work ethic as a result of adhering to the principle of objectivity.
- Identify, understand, and utilize various media types.
- Understand the global impact of the media.
- Write with precision and clarity.
- Demonstrate an ability to work with peers on collaborative projects.
- Utilize oral and written communication skills.

In addition, the graduate will be able to demonstrate competency in the general education outcomes.

## First Year - Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
ENGL101N	College Composition	4	0	4
	ANTH105N or Behavioral Social Science General Education Core Requirement			3
MATH106N	Statistics I	4	0	4
POLS102N	American Government & Politics	3	0	3

## First Year - Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
COMM101N	Introduction to Media Studies	3	0	3
	Science Core Requirement			4
ENGL109N	Public Speaking	3	0	3
	MATH103N or DATA205N			3-4
	Humanities/Fine Arts/Philosophy or Global Awareness			3

## Second Year - Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
COMM115N	Introduction to Media Writing	3	0	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts/Philosophy or Global Awareness			3
	Science Core and Elective Requirements			3-4
	Communications/English Elective or BUS104N			3
POLS220N	American Politics & Mass Media	3	0	3

## Second Year - Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
ARTS120N	Introduction to Graphic Design	2	2	3
COMM206N	Social Media			3
COMM220N	Digital Media	3	0	3
COMM285N	Communications Internship			3
	Communications/English Elective or BUS104N			3
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>60-62</b>