

# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## Course Selection Guide

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### Degrees

- NC Central: [BA in Mass Communication, Public Relations Concentration](#)
- NC State: [BA in Communication](#)
- UNC Chapel Hill: [BA in Communication Studies](#)
- UNC Greensboro: [BA in Communication Studies](#)

For more detailed transfer information, refer to the [Transfer Guides](#).

### Jobs Associated with These Degrees

Public relations specialist, social and digital media manager, marketing manager, human resource specialist, writer/editor, broadcaster, event planner, fundraiser, political assistant, sales representative, and, with further graduate education, professor.

### General Education – 45-46 SHC (“Semester Hours of Credit”)

**Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) Courses (31-32 SHC):**

#### English Composition (6 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	ENG 111	ENG 111	ENG 111	ENG 111
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines	ENG 112	ENG 112	ENG 112	ENG 112

#### Humanities/Fine Arts (H/FA) (9 SHC)—Select three courses from at least two disciplines

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
One course selected from ART 111, ART 114, ART115, COM 120, COM 231, DRA 111, MUS 110, MUS 112	COM 231	COM 231	COM 231	COM 231
PHI 215 or PHI 240	Any	PHI 215	Any	Any
One course selected from ENG 231, 232, 241,242	ENG 231 or 232	ENG 241 or 242	Any	Any

#### Social and Behavioral Sciences (S/BS) (9 SHC)—Select three courses from at least two disciplines

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
One history course selected from HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 131, HIS 132	HIS 112	HIS 131 or 132	Any	Any
One course from ECO 251, ECO 252, POL 120, PSY 150, SOC 210	Any	POL, PSY, or SOC	Any	Any
One additional course from above.	Any	Any	Any	Any

#### Mathematics (3-4 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
One Math course selected from MAT 143, 152, 171	MAT 143 or 171	Any	Any	Any

#### Natural Science (4 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
One Science course selected from AST 151/A, BIO 110, BIO 111, CHM 151, GEL 111, PHY 110/A.	Any	Any	Any	Any

## Additional General Education Transfer Hours (13-14 SHC)

### Foreign Language (3 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
Foreign Language (3 SHC): Choose from American Sign Language, Arabic, French, German, or Spanish. FL 112 Must be taken with accompanying lab.	FL 112	FL 211	FL 211	FL 112

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathematics Course (3-4 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
Choose from MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 171, MAT 172, or MAT 263.	Any	Any	Any	Any

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Natural Science Course (4 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
Choose from AST 151/151A, AST 152/152A, BIO 110, BIO 111, 112, BIO 140/140A, CHM 131/A, CHM 132, CHM 151, CHM 152, GEL 111, GEL 230, PHY 110/110A.	Any	Any	Any	Any

### One Additional Course (3-4 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
One additional course	Any	COM 120	COM 120	COM 120

## Other Required Hours (14-15 SHC)

Students should consult with their advisor. The listings here vary, based on the requirements of the selected university and the student's intended major.

### College Transfer Success Course (1 SHC)

Durham Tech Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
ACA 122 (This course should be taken in the student's first semester.)	ACA 122	ACA 122	ACA 122	ACA 122

### Foreign Language (0-11 SHC)

Durham Tech Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
FL 111/181, 112/182, 211 if needed for FL prerequisites	As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	As Needed

### Additional Major Course(s)

Durham Tech Requirement	NCCU	NCSU	UNC-CH	UNCG
Additional college level course(s) to complete the 15 SHC requirement.	HEA 110 PED 110	ANT 220 MUS 110 or ART 114	PED 110	Any

## Suggested Two-Year Plan for Associate in Arts Students Planning to Major in Communications

For more detailed information from specific universities, consult the [Transfer Guides](#). Some students may need to complete developmental prerequisites; others may place out of coursework based on transfer credit, AP/IB credit, or previous foreign language experience. Shaded boxes indicate pre-major coursework.

Year 1 at Durham Technical Community College					
Semester 1		Semester 2		Summer	
ACA 122	1	ENG 112	3		
ENG 111	3	Foreign Language 112/182	4		
Foreign Language 111/181	4	MAT 152	4		
COM 231	3	AST 151/A, BIO 110, GEL 111, or PHY 110/A	4		
MAT 143	3				
TOTAL HOURS	14	TOTAL HOURS	15		

Year 2 at Durham Technical Community College					
Semester 3		Semester 4		Summer	
AST 151/A, BIO 110, BIO 140/A, GEL 111, or PHY 110/A	4	ENG 231, 232, 241, 242	3		
PHI 215 or 240	3	ECO 251, ECO 252, POL 120, PSY 150, SOC 210	3		
COM 120	3	Elective	3		
ECO 251, ECO 252, POL 120, PSY 150, SOC 210	3	Elective	3		
HIS 111, 112, 131,132	3	Elective	3		
TOTAL HOURS	16	TOTAL HOURS	15		

Total hours required for the degree: 60.