



Arts and Sciences: Communication Option, A.A.

This is a 3+1 option program with Rowan University.

[AA-ASC-COM; CIP Code 240101]

Associate in Arts (A.A.) – Transfer

This program provides the general education foundation necessary for students who are planning to transfer to complete a baccalaureate degree. Using available elective credits, students will focus on Communications as a specific field of study.

This degree can also be completed fully online.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who have completed the program will be able to:

- Communicate effectively in writing and orally
- Demonstrate an understanding of various scientific, artistic, social and historical ideas and perspectives
- Analyze information and use critical thinking to make decisions and solve problems
- Demonstrate a basic proficiency in creative writing, journalism or media

Program Contact

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Are you ready to get started at RCSJ?
Visit [RCSJ.edu/Enroll](https://www.rcsj.edu/Enroll) and complete the interest form.

FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT ___ Mathematics elective (MAT 101, 102 or 110 suggested)	3–4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ART 101 Art Appreciation I or MUS 101 Music Appreciation I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I	3
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 102 English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT 103 Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ___ ___ Program Option elective (3+1 Students COM 104 or COM 220)	3
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SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ___ ___ Lab Science elective ¹	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ENG Global and Cultural Awareness Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM 201 Journalism I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ___ ___ Global and Cultural Awareness	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM ___ Program Option elective ¹	3
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> SPE 101 Oral Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ___ ___ Lab Science elective ¹	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HPE ___ Health and Physical Education elective	1–3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM ___ Program Option elective ^{3,4}	3
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 60

Program Option Electives

- COM 104 Business Communications
- COM 105 Technical and Scientific Writing
- COM 115 Sports Communication, Culture & Identity
- COM 140 Internet Research and Communications
- COM 150 Argumentative and Persuasive Writing
- COM 205 Feature Writing ³
- COM 206 Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
- COM 207 Creative Writing: Fiction
- COM 208 Creative Writing: Poetry
- COM 214 Journalism Workshop I
- COM 220 Mass Media ³
- CGA 103 Design Type and Color ⁴
- CGA 120 Introduction to Electronic Publishing and Typography ⁴

Program Notes

- ¹ Students should contact their advisors to clarify 4-year degree transfer requirements and refer to the College catalog for course pre-requisites.
- ² English Global and Cultural Awareness Electives
- ³ Students intending to transfer to Rowan University should take COM 205 Feature Writing and COM 220 Mass Media as program option electives.
- ⁴ Students intending to take the 3+1 Applied Professional Communications Option are recommended to take CGA 103 and CGA 120 as Program Option Electives



After completing the Arts and Sciences: Communication Option, A.A., students may choose to continue with the bachelor's degree pathway at RCSJ.

The 3+1 pathway enables students to complete three years of coursework at RCSJ and one year at Rowan University to earn a bachelor's degree. The 3+1 pathway follows Rowan's course curriculum, with junior year classes taught by RCSJ advanced-degree faculty.

Applied Professional Communications 3+1

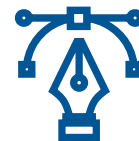
THIRD YEAR — Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> COM 305 Writing, Research and Technology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM 324 Introduction to New Media	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature or Writing Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> COM 300 Publication, Layout and Design	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM 334 Digital Media Techniques	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CGA 120 Introduction to Electronic Publishing and Technology or Free Elective	3
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Suggested Year 3 Electives

BUS 224, BUS 221, BUS 225, PHI 150, SOC 130, COM 115, SOC 104,
3 credits in any language: ITA, SPA, GER, ASL

FOURTH YEAR — After completing the third year at RCSJ, students will seamlessly transfer to Rowan University for their senior year. 3+1 team members at both institutions work closely with students to guide them through the process.



Industry & Employment Opportunities

Bachelor's

Public Relations Specialist, Marketing Strategist,
Advertising and Promotions Manager

Master's

Broadcast News Analyst, Reporter, Journalist,
Community Health Worker

Questions?

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