

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts Degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org) for more information.

The undergraduate program in communication disorders is a pre-professional program designed to prepare students for graduate work in communication disorders. A master's degree in this field is needed to meet the licensure and certification standards required by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the State of Illinois. Admission to the bachelor and masters degree programs is very competitive. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists practice their professions in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice, and public and private schools.

### SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

*Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Counseling & Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.*

#### TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (38 credits)

##### Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*\*Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

##### Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

##### Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 115 (3) [M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096, C or better, <b>OR</b> MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better <b>OR</b> qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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##### Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

##### Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

PSYCH 101 (3)	Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
POLSC 140 (3)	Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
HIST 201 or 202 (3)	U.S. History I or II (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS ( 24 credits)

*(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of courses for this major)*

Select 24 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

**Suggested Communication Disorders Pre-Major courses often include:**

ED 100 (3)	Foundations of American Public Education (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ED 101(3)	Child Growth and Development (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ECED 201 (3)	Sign Language I - Manual Communications I
ECED 202 (3)	Sign Language II - Manual Communications II (Prereq. ECED 201)
ECED 103 (3)	Health, Safety and Nutrition
OR HLTH 101 (2)	Health and Wellness
COMM 108 (3)	Interpersonal Communication

**Other suggested courses that satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:**

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses\*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

*\*Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

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**62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:**

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): [www.transfer.org/uselect/](http://www.transfer.org/uselect/)

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org)

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the websites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

Approved Teacher Certification Programs in Illinois: <http://www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFs/Directory.pdf>

**FOR CAREER INFORMATION:**

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)