

PROGRAMS

COUNSELING - ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CRITICAL THINKING - AA

Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts: Communication in the English Language & Critical Thinking

The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking provides students the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the form, content, context, and effectiveness of communication. Students will develop proficiency in oral and written communication in English, examining communication from the rhetorical perspective and practicing reasoning and advocacy, organization, and accuracy. Students will practice the discovery, critical evaluation, and reporting of information, as well as reading, writing, and listening effectively. Students will also will understand logic and its relation to language; elementary inductive and deductive processes, including an understanding of the formal and informal fallacies of language and thought; and the ability to distinguish matters of fact from issues of judgment or opinion. Critical thinking skills and self-understanding through these courses provide a framework for lifelong learning in written and oral communication and offers students a breadth of knowledge that could be focused into single discipline degrees as well as applied to an interdisciplinary degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will comprehend and analyze written and oral information effectively.
- Students will use language as a tool for logical thought, clear and precise expression, and critical evaluation of communication.

To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of 60 degree applicable units with an overall GPA of 2.0.
2. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a grade of C (or P) or better.
3. Completion of the AA/AS Graduation Requirements, CSU GE-B or IGETC.

NOTES:

- Requirements here apply to the current catalog year and are subject to change. Visit DegreeWorks in-1 My Mission Portal-1 to view requirements based your catalog year.
- Not all classes are offered each semester.

Required Core Curriculum Courses:

Select a minimum of 18 units from the approved [CSU GE-B Area A](#). Include courses from at least two different disciplines.

Required Units for the Major

	Units
Required units for the major	18.0
plus completion of general education requirements and electives as needed to reach 60 units.	
Total required units	60.0

Career/Transfer Opportunities

The program is intended for students who are considering transfer, but have not decided on a major; students who are required to complete a degree for job promotion; or students who may wish to further their education and are considering a major that is interdisciplinary in focus.

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