

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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## **DESCRIPTION**

Communication Studies is the study of human communication processes. Our courses focus on both theory and practice to help students improve communication competence in a variety of contexts. Communication Studies courses build communication knowledge and skills needed to develop, manage and maintain various types of relationships. Students learn how humans share symbols to create meaning; students critically analyze and apply methods of informing and persuading in interpersonal, small-group, intercultural, business, public speaking, mass media and new media contexts.

Communication Studies is a dynamic discipline. Courses at PCC provide foundation in the discipline and prepare students for transfer into upper division courses. An Oral Communication course is a requirement for completion of the AAOT (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) and ASOT-BUS (Associate of Science Oregon Transfer - Business). Select COMM courses fulfill this requirement as well as requirements for specific certificate programs.

A Communication Studies Focus Award recognizes students who have gained considerable knowledge in Communication Studies by completing four courses and earning 15-16 COMM (Communication Studies) or J (Journalism) credits. For more information and specific requirements, please see the Focus Award section of the catalog.