

Northern Virginia Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts leading to Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies (WVU-BA) Suggested Plan of Study

Northern Virginia Community College	Cr Hrs	WVU Equivalents	Cr Hrs
Year One, 1st Semester			
ENGL 111	3	ENGL 101	3
FOR LANG 201	3	FOR LANG 203	3
MTH 152	3	MATH 121	3
PHYSICAL/NATURAL SCI	4	GEF 2B	4
SDV 100 & PED 116	2	ORIN 000 & PE 000	2
TOTAL	15		15
Year One, 2nd Semester			
ENGL 112	3	ENG 102	3
CST 110/115	3	COMM 104/112	3
FOR LANG 202	3	FOR LANG 204	3
MTH 241	3	STAT 211	3
PHYSICAL/NATURAL SCI	4	ELECTIVE	4
TOTAL	16		16
Year Two, 1st Semester			
CST 110/115	3	COMM 104/112	3
ENG LIT	3	GEF 6	3
ITE 115	3	CS 101	3
HIS ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
SS ELECTIVE	3	GEF 7	3
TOTAL	15		15
Year Two, 2nd Semester			
CST 126	3	COMM 202	3
SS ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
HUM/ARTS	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
HIS ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
TOTAL	15		15

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Year Three, 1st Semester		Year Three, 2 nd Semester	
COMM 203	3	COMM 201	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS	3	COMM ELECTIVE	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS	3	AREA OF EMPHASIS	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Year Four, 1 st Semester		Year Four, 2 nd Semester	
COMM 491	3	COMM 403	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS	3	COMM 300+ ELECTIVE	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS	3	AREA OF EMPHASIS	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

Students must have a GPA of 2.25 in all COMM courses to be admitted to the Communication Studies program upon transferring to West Virginia University.

Students are required to complete proficiency of 4 semesters worth of the same foreign language to fulfill the Bachelor of Arts requirements at WVU. It is recommended that students meet this requirement at NOVA through successful completion of Foreign Language courses at the 201 and 202 level. Students who are not proficient enough to start at that level may elect to complete their foreign language requirements by utilizing hours allotted to General Electives credits at WVU.

The WVU General Education Foundations curriculum (GEF) includes eight areas (F1-F8). F1 (Composition and Rhetoric), F2 (Science & Technology), and F3 (Mathematics & Quantitative Skills) are specified above. These 3 Areas will be fulfilled by General Education requirements at Northern Virginia. Students must also complete 3 credit hours from each of the GEF Areas 4 through 7, and are encouraged to study the provided GEF chart to select electives that satisfy these requirements. By using the suggested plan of study above, students are able to fulfill this requirement prior to graduation from Northern Virginia Community College. Students not completing this requirement at NOVA will need to utilize ELECTIVE credit at WVU to do so.

The WVU GEF curriculum also includes 9 credits (normally 3 three-credit courses) of Focus coursework (F8), to help students capitalize on the range and diversity of courses offered at WVU. In order to maximize connections, incorporate additional competencies, and encourage true breadth of study, students must fulfill the Focus through completion of one of the following academic paths: (a) completion of a minor; (b) completion of a double major or dual degree, or (c) completion of 9 credits of additional coursework from the list of courses approved for GEF Areas F1 through F7. Northern Virginia students are encouraged to utilize ELECTIVE credit, and the GEF spreadsheet, to take courses that complete this requirement when possible at NOVA. Students receiving an AA Liberal Arts in Communication Studies from NOVA would only require 2

additional GEF equivalent courses, as ITE 115 would count toward the first of the 3 three-credit courses.

Students completing degrees in WVU's Eberly College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to work with their advisors to integrate completion of an academic minor or minors into their programs of study, to the degree allowed within elective hours. WVU offers over 100 minors that complement major fields of study, build on students' unique interests, expand perspectives, and broaden skills. See <http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/#minorsofferedtext> for a list of available minors. Northern Virginia students may begin completion of certain minors at NOVA by utilizing ELECTIVE hours to take courses equivalent to the minor's introductory requirements at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, GEF Focus courses, minors, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU.