

Transfer Guide between Maricopa Community Colleges and Grand Canyon University



Associate in Arts – Bachelor of Arts in Communications

General Education requirements, excluding University Foundations and Christian Worldview, will be considered fulfilled in the event a student has completed one of the following Associate degrees:

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate in Business (ABUS)
- Associate General Education Curriculum (AGEC – A, B or S)

In the event a student has not earned one of the aforementioned Associate level degrees, all general education coursework will be required to complete GCU's Baccalaureate degree.

The following table outlines the requirements needed to receive an Associate in Arts from Maricopa Community Colleges. Within the tables below are preferred courses from Maricopa Community Colleges that are applicable towards Grand Canyon University's transfer-oriented Bachelor of Arts degree programs.

Maricopa Community Colleges – Associate in Arts (AA)	Credits	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Arts in Communications	GCU Applied Semester Credits
General Education Requirements			
Effective Communication (13 - 16 Credits)			
ENG101: First-Year Composition OR ENG107: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	+ ENG-105: English Composition	3
ENG102: First Year Composition OR ENG108: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	ENG-106: English Composition II	3
Literacy & Critical Inquiry [L]	3	UNV-104: 21 st Century Skills: Communication and Information Literacy	3
COM110: Interpersonal Communication	3	ENG-240: Writing for the 21st Century Workplace	3
Elective Credit	3	Effective Communication	3
Critical Thinking (3 - 4 Credits)			
MAT140/141/142/145/146: College Mathematics OR higher [MA] approved course	3 - 6	+ MAT-144: College Mathematics	3 - 6
Natural Sciences – Select two [SQ] courses or one [SQ] and one [SG] course with lab	8	Elective Credit	8
Global Awareness (10 - 12 Credits)			
Social and Behavioral Sciences [SB]	3	PSY-102: General Psychology	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences [SB]	3	SOC-100: Everyday Sociology	3
Humanities and Fine Arts [HU]	3	INT-244: World Religions	3
Humanities and Fine Arts [HU]	3	Global Awareness	3

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Additional Maricopa Requirements			
CRE101 or Equivalent as indicated by assessment	3	Elective Credit	3
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS]	3	Elective Credit	3
Awareness Areas – Select one [C] course and one [G] or [H] course	6	Elective Credit	6
General Electives	10	Select a minimum of 10 credits (to optimize transfer to GCU major, reference “Program Major” table for applicable coursework)	10
Bachelor of Arts in Communications: Program Major Transferrable Courses			
COM100: Introduction to Human Communication	3	COM-100: Fundamentals of Communication	3
COM230: Small Group Communication	3	COM-222: Small Group Communication	3
COM263: Elements of Intercultural Communication	3	COM-263: Elements of Intercultural Communication	3
COM222: Argumentation	3	^ COM-362: Argumentation and Advocacy	3
MKT101: Introduction to Public Relations	3	^ COM-370: Principles of Public Relations	3
Credits completed at MCCCDC may exceed 60 if students choose to take all courses listed above.			
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Associate of Arts at MCCCDC			60 Credits
All students must meet 36 Upper Division credit requirement, as well as 30 GCU credits to meet residency requirement. Students must meet Upper Division credit requirement even if content of an Upper Division course requirement is met with a Lower Division course.			

Symbol Key	
+	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course must meet specific content requirements (or higher) in order to fulfill GCU’s course.
^	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course meets the content requirement but does not fulfill GCU’s upper division requirements.

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Course #	Bachelor of Arts	Semester Credits
Non-transferable GCU General Education: 8 Credits		
UNV-303	University Success	4
CWV-301	Christian Worldview	4
Bachelor of Arts in Communications: Program Major		
PHI-305	Ethical Thinking in the Liberal Arts	4
COM-355	Communication Research Methods	4
COM-312	Conflict and Negotiation	4
COM-456	Organizational Communication	4
COM-472	Training and Development	4
COM-451	Relational Communication	4
COM-475	Communication Campaigns	4
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete an Associate in Arts – Maricopa Community Colleges		60 Credits
Credits Completed at Grand Canyon University		55 - 60 Credits
Credits completed at Grand Canyon University may fluctuate contingent upon coursework successfully completed at the transferring institution. Courses are not listed twice on the transfer guide, so any courses not completed at the transferring institution will still be required as part of the GCU program. Students are required to complete a minimum of 120 credits to earn the Bachelor of Arts degree. If the student completes additional courses at the transferring institution, credits may not apply to their GCU program.		
Remaining open elective credits needed to earn Bachelor of Arts degree at Grand Canyon University varies based on program major requirements.		
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Bachelor of Arts in Communications at Grand Canyon University		120 Credits

For additional graduation requirements, please see the <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>. Students with transfer credit that applies to this program will shorten the time to completion from that stated on this transfer guide. Please contact your Counselor for more information. <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

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