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OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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OTC Associate of Arts in General Studies to MSU Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies

Catalog Year: 2022-2023

The following is a guide to graduation with completion of OTC's Associate of Arts and MSU's Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies degree.
The B.S. in Communication Studies degree may be completed on campus or online.
This is a comprehensive major meaning it does not require completion of a minor.



OTC Year 1 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Requirement	OTC 101 Navigating College	2	GEP 101		
Written Communications 6 credit hours	Choose one: ENG 100 Composition I with Support ENG 101 Composition I	3-5	ENG 110	✓	
Mathematical Sciences 3 credit hours	Choose one: MTH 128 MTH 130 MTH 131 MTH 138 MTH 140 MTH 141 MTH 210 MTH 214 MTH 215 MTH 230 MTH 240 MTH 241 or any MTH course with a Core 42 approved prerequisite	3-5	Varies	✓	
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	Choose one: ANT 101 CRM 210 GRY 101 HST 120 PLS 201 SOC 101 ANT 220 ECO 270 HST 105 HST 130 PSY 110 SOC 215 COM 150 ECO 275 HST 106 PLS 101 PSY 130	3	Varies	✓	
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	Choose one: ART 100 ASL 101 ENG 240 ENG 270 GRM 101 MUS 105 PHL 101 REL 102 ART 101 ASL 102 ENG 241 ENG 271 GRM 102 MUS 106 PHL 105 SPN 101 ART 105 CHN 101 ENG 260 FRN 101 HUM 101 MUS 110 REL 100 SPN 102 ART 120▲ ENG 180 ENG 265 FRN 102 MUS 101 MUS 235*▲ REL 101 THR 101	3	Varies	✓	
Semester 1 Total		14-18			

OTC Year 1 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Written Communications 6 credit hours	Choose one: ENG 102 Composition II ENG 150 Technical Writing	3	ENG 210 ENG 221	✓	
Natural Sciences 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)	Choose one: BCS 115 BCS 165 BIO 100 BIO 135 BIO 160 CHM 160 PHY 110 PHY 120 BCS 132 BCS 210 BIO 105 BIO 142 CHM 101 PHY 105 PHY 115 PHY 220	3-5	Varies	✓	
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	Choose one: ANT 101 CRM 210 GRY 101 HST 120 PLS 201 SOC 101 ANT 220 ECO 270 HST 105 HST 130 PSY 110 SOC 215 COM 150 ECO 275 HST 106 PLS 101 PSY 130	3	Varies	✓	
Semester 2 Total		15-17			

OTC Year 2 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Natural Sciences - Lab Requirement 7 credit hours	Choose one: BSC 115 BIO 100 BIO 160 CHM 160 □ PHY 110 PHY 120 BSC 165 BIO 105 BIO 105 CHM 101 PHY 105 PHY 115 PHY 220	4-5	Varies	✓	
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	Choose one: ART 100 ASL 101 ENG 240 ENG 270 GRM 101 MUS 105 PHL 101 REL 102 ART 101 ASL 102 ENG 241 ENG 271 GRM 102 MUS 106 PHL 105 SPN 101 ART 105 CHN 101 ENG 260 FRN 101 HUM 101 MUS 110 REL 100 SPN 102 ART 120▲ ENG 180 ENG 265 FRN 102 MUS 101 MUS 235*▲ REL 101 THR 101	3	Varies	✓	
Oral Communications 3 credit hours	COM 105 Public Speaking	3	COM 115	✓	✓
Semester 3 Total		16-17			

OTC Year 2 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	Choose one: ART 100 ASL 101 ENG 240 ENG 270 GRM 101 MUS 105 PHL 101 REL 102 ART 101 ASL 102 ENG 241 ENG 271 GRM 102 MUS 106 PHL 105 SPN 101 ART 105 CHN 101 ENG 260 FRN 101 HUM 101 MUS 110 REL 100 SPN 102 ART 120▲ ENG 180 ENG 265 FRN 102 MUS 101 MUS 235*▲ REL 101 THR 101	3	Varies	✓	
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours <i>Civics Requirement</i>	Choose one: PLS 101 HST 120 HST 130	3	Varies	✓	
Core Elective 5 hours required for Core 42	COM 200 Interpersonal Communication Theory and Skills	3	COM 205	✓	✓
Core Elective 5 hours required for Core 42	Choose MOTR coded course of your choice with the assistance of an advisor.	2	Varies	✓	
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Institutional Elective 18 hours required for A.A. degree	Any course numbered 100 and above - your choice.	3	Varies		
Semester 4 Total		17			
Total Hours at OTC		62-69	<i>Total Hours Applied Toward MSU Major/Minor Requirements:</i>		6

* One credit hour course

▲ May choose only one, falls under MOTR code 'PERF'

□ Must be taken with CHM 161 to count as a lab course. In order to fulfill the Core 42 Natural Science requirement, students must complete at least one lab course.

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MSU Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies
after OTC Associate of Arts in General Studies

MSU Year 3 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	COM 260 Communicating with Cultural Competence	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.	3
Semester 1 Total		15

MSU Year 3 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Major Requirement	COM 209 Survey of Communication Theory	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
Semester 2 Total		15

MSU Year 4 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	COM 210 Communication Research Methods	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
Semester 3 Total		15

MSU Year 4 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	COM 350 The Rhetorical Tradition and Contemporary Applications	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Communication Studies Elective 24 hours required	Click here to review the complete list of Communications Studies Electives.	3
Secondary Area of Study 18 hours required	Choose one: <i>Plan A:</i> 18 upper division hours in a single area of study outside of Communication. <i>Plan B:</i> A coherent combination of at least 18 upper division courses that best support your goals in consultation with an advisor.	3
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.	1
Semester 4 Total		13
Total Hours at MSU		58
Total Hours Overall		120-127

** Electives provide the opportunity to customize your degree program. Some elective credits may or may not be needed to bring total credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours and upper division hours (300+) to 40.

This degree is also available as a Bachelor of Arts (BA).
[Click here to access the Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements](#)
Please consult with an MSU transfer advisor to determine your best degree options.

This information is provided as a guide only.

- OTC students are strongly encouraged to meet with their major specific MSU transfer advisor early in their OTC education to discuss the most appropriate OTC coursework for their intended MSU major, MSU degree requirements, etc.
- Students are required to fulfill MSU graduation and GPA requirements to receive a degree and should consult with their MSU advisor and the MSU undergraduate catalog for details, as there may exist pre-requisite requirements as well as periodicity limitations that could affect scheduling sequences.
- Please note that transfer students from Missouri public colleges and universities may follow the general education and general baccalaureate degree requirements in effect at Missouri State when they first enrolled (or re-enrolled after an absence of one calendar year or more) as degree-seeking students at the institutions from which they transferred (e.g., OTC).