



Transfer Pathway: Associate of Arts in Communication Studies to Bachelor of Arts in Communication with Public Relations Concentration

Stark State College to Ashland University

This Transfer Pathway presumes that CP1, CP2, NSC, SS, MLG, half of HUM, CCI, and HR were taken at Stark State College. The AES, COM, second part of HUM, and REL core will be met at AU.

How to Read the Course Tables

Each sequence below is a single table. Shaded rows mark the start of each semester. Stark State College courses that count toward the Ashland University Core are labeled "AU Core," and courses that count toward the Ashland University major are labeled "AU Major." Courses listed as "Choose one" refer to the category lists in the Course Options and Equivalencies section of this document.

Suggested Sequence at Stark State College

Stark State College Course	Ashland University Equivalency	Credits
Semester One (16-17 Credits)		
SSC101 Student Success Seminar		1
ENG124 College Comp I (AU Core)	ENG 101 ENG Comp I (CP1: AU Core 1)	3
COM121 Effective Speaking	COM 301 Public Speaking	3
COM122 Interpersonal Comm	COM 304 Interpersonal Comm	3
Choose one Natural Science Elective (see Course Options) (AU Core)	Any count toward NSC: AU CORE 2	3-4
Choose one Social and Behavioral Science Elective (see Course Options) (AU Core)	Any count toward SS: AU CORE 3	3
Semester Two (15 Credits)		
COM123 Small Group Comm	COM 206 Small Group Communication	3
COM125 Intro to Comm Theory (AU Major)	COM 204 Comm Theory and Research	3
COM126 Intro to Mass Comm	JDM 103 Intro to Journalism and Mass Communication	3

Stark State College Course	Ashland University Equivalency	Credits
Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic Elective: MTH124 Statistics (AU Core)	MATH 108 Introductory Statistics (MLG: AU Core 4)	3
Arts and Humanities Elective: ENG233 British Literature OR ENG237 American Literature OR PHL122 Ethics (AU Core)	ENG 217 British Literature OR ENG 203 American Lit. OR PHIL 215 Ethics (HUM: AU CORE 5)	3
Semester Three (15-16 Credits)		
English Composition Elective: ENG 231 College Comp II (AU Core)	ENG 102 ENG Comp II (CP2: AU Core 6)	3
Communication and Language Elective	Comm Elective	3
Communication and Language Elective	General Elective	4
Choose one Natural Science Elective (see Course Options) (AU Core)	Any count toward SS: AU Core 7	3-4
Choose one Social and Behavioral Science Elective (see Course Options) (AU Core)	Any count toward SS: AU Core 8	3
Semester Four (15 Credits)		
Choose one Communication and Language Elective: SPN100 Elementary Spanish I OR SPN 200 Elementary Spanish II (AU Core)	SPAN 171 Elementary Spanish I OR SPAN 172 Elementary Spanish II (CCI: AU Core 9)	4
Communication and Language Elective	General Elective	3
English Composition Elective	General Elective	3
Social & Behavioral Science Elective	General Elective	3
Arts and Humanities Elective: HIS121 U.S. History I to 1877 OR HIS122 U.S. History II from 1877 OR HIS221 World CIV to 17th Century (AU Core)	HIST 212 Am. History through Civil War OR HIST 213 Am. History after Civil War OR HIST 112 Western Civilization to 1500 (HR: AU Core 10)	3
62-64 total credit hours to complete the Associate of Arts in Communication Studies from Stark State College		

Suggested Sequence at Ashland University

Ashland University Course	Requirement Details	Credits
Semester Five (14-15 Credits)		
COM 101 Human Comm OR COM 120 Foundations of Health Comm	Both offered fall and spring (Either count toward COM: AU Core 11)	3
Institutional Requirement OR COM 274 Strategic Social Media	AES: AU Core 12 OR Offered fall even	3
Institutional Requirement	HUM: AU Core 13	3
COM 211 Public Relations Writing OR General Elective	Offered fall even	2-3
COM 343 Conflict, Mediation and	Offered fall even (prerequisite COM 101	3

Ashland University Course	Requirement Details	Credits
Negotiation OR COM 262 Strategic Messaging	OR 120) OR Offered fall odd	
Semester Six (15 Credits)		
Minor OR COM 425 Risk and Crisis Comm	1 of 6 OR Offered spring even	3
COM 474 Public Relations Campaigns	Offered on demand	3
Institutional Requirement OR COM 205 Intro to Public Relations	REL: AU Core 14 OR Offered spring odd	3
Minor	2 of 6	3
Minor	3 of 6	3
Semester Seven (15 Credits)		
COM 262 Strategic Messaging OR COM 343 Conflict, Mediation and Negotiation	Offered fall odd OR Offered fall even (prerequisite COM 101 OR 120)	3
Institutional Requirement	AES: AU Core 15	3
COM 274 Strategic Social Media OR Institutional Requirement	Offered fall even OR AES: AU Core 12	3
Minor	4 of 6	3
General Elective OR COM 211 Public Relations Writing	Offered fall even	3
Semester Eight (14-15 Credits)		
Minor	5 of 6	3
Minor	6 of 6	3
COM 425 Risk and Crisis Comm OR Minor	Offered spring even OR 1 of 6	3
COM 205 Intro to Public Relations OR Institutional Requirement	Offered spring odd OR REL: AU Core 14	3
COM 436 Internship in COM Studies OR COM 470 Research Experience in COM Studies OR any other COM elective	Arranged each semester	2-3
120 total credit hours to complete the Bachelor of Arts in Communication with Public Relations Concentration from Ashland University, including transfer coursework		

Course Options and Ashland University Equivalencies

Use these lists when a semester row says "Choose one." Each row shows a Stark State College course and the Ashland University course it transfers as.

Natural Sciences

Stark State College Course	Ashland University Equivalency
BIO121 Anatomy and Physiology I	BIO 222 Health Sciences Anatomy & PHYSIOLOGY I

Stark State College Course	Ashland University Equivalency
BIO126 Science, Energy, and the Environment (lab)	BIO 110 Ecology and the Human Environment
BIO127 Human Biology (lab)	BIO 100 Human Biology
BIO129 Meteorology (lab)	GEOL 210 Natural Disasters: Severe Weather
BIO141 General Biology I (lab)	BIO 201 Molecular & Cellular Basis of Life
BIO142 General Biology II (lab)	BIO 202 Organisms, Adaptation, and Diversity
CHM123 General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (lab)	CHEM 253 Chemical Perspectives on Life
PHY105 Astronomy (lab)	PHYS 107 The Hidden Life of the Stars

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Stark State College Course	Ashland University Equivalency
BUS122 Basic Economics	ECON 101 Market Fundamentals
BUS221 Microeconomics	ECON 232 Principles of Microeconomics
BUS222 Macroeconomics	ECON 233 Principles of Macroeconomics
PSY121 General Psychology	PSYC 101 General Psychology
SOC121 Sociology	SOC 111 Principles of Sociology
SOC225 Diversity in American Society	SOC 301 Ethnic Race and Minority Issues

Key for Core Classes

Abbreviation	Meaning
COM	Communication
CP1	English Comp I
CP2	English Comp II
HUM	Humanities
NSC	Natural Sciences
SS	Social Sciences
MLG	Math/Logic
HR	Historical Reasoning
REL	Religion
CCI	Critical Cultural Inquiry
AES	Aesthetics

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