

Santa Monica College

Communication Certificate of Achievement

Effective Fall 2026

Unlock Your Voice. Empower Your Future. Communication isn't just a skill—it's a superpower. Whether you're looking to excel in your career, build stronger relationships, or confidently express your ideas, our Certificate of Achievement in Communication will give you the tools to thrive. This dynamic program offers hands-on training in public speaking, interpersonal communication, active listening, and persuasive messaging. You'll master the art of crafting impactful stories, navigating difficult conversations, and understanding diverse audiences. Designed for students of all backgrounds, the certificate provides practical skills you can apply immediately—in the workplace, community, and beyond. Whether you want to become a more influential leader, improve workplace collaboration, or just communicate more effectively in your daily life, this program equips you with the power to make your voice heard.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Demonstrate confidence and clarity when speaking in public settings.

Manage interpersonal conflicts effectively using appropriate communication strategies.

Craft and deliver effective and appropriate messages for achieving desired outcomes in various contexts.

Engage with individuals from diverse backgrounds to develop a deeper understanding, increase motivation, and refine communication skills.

Required Courses

Units: 6.0

COMM C1000 Introduction to Public Speaking (*formerly COM ST 11*)

3.0

COM ST 35 Interpersonal Communication

3.0

Select one of the following:

Units: 3.0

COM ST 12 Persuasion

3.0

COM ST 16 Fundamentals of Small Group Discussion

3.0

COM ST 21 Argumentation

3.0

COM ST 36 Gender and Communication

3.0

COM ST 37 Intercultural Communication

3.0

COM ST 38 Introduction to Latina/o/x Communication Studies

3.0

MEDIA 1 Introduction to Mass Communication

3.0

MEDIA 3 Global Media (*same as: GLOBAL 3*)

3.0

MEDIA 4 Introduction to Game Studies

3.0

MEDIA 10 Media, Gender, and Race

3.0

Total: 9.0