

Transfer Guide between Arizona Western College and Grand Canyon University



Associate in Arts – Bachelor of Arts in Communication

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 Arizona Western College. Within the tables below are preferred courses from Arizona Western College that are applicable towards Grand Canyon University's transfer-oriented Bachelor of Arts degree programs. The General Education courses outlined below are not course to course equivalencies, however they will fulfill the requirements for each competency. If the General Education GCU course has a (+) symbol, it indicates that the transferring course must be a direct course equivalency. All Program Major Transferrable Courses must be a direct course equivalency.

Arizona Western College– Associate in Arts (AA)	Credits	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Arts in Communication	GCU Applied Semester Credits
General Education Requirements			
Effective Communication (13 - 16 Credits)			
ENG-101: Freshman Composition I	3	+ ENG-105: English Composition	3
ENG-102: Freshman Composition II	3	Effective Communication	3
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Critical Thinking (3 - 4 Credits)			
MAT-142: College Mathematics with Applications	3	+ MAT-144: College Mathematics	3
Global Awareness (10 - 12 Credits)			
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Global Awareness	3
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Arts/Humanities – Select at least one course from the Arts list and one course from the Humanities list	3	Global Awareness	3
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Additional Arizona Western College Requirements			
Additional Credits – Select one Cultural [C] course and one Global [G] or Historical [H] course	6	Elective Credit	6

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Arizona Western College– Associate in Arts (AA)	Credits	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Arts in Communication	GCU Applied Semester Credits
Physical and Biological Sciences	8	Elective Credit	8
Elective Credits – Create a block of credits with two courses meeting the writing intensive (WI) requirement (to meet the required 64 credit program minimum)	29	Select a minimum of 29 credits (to optimize transfer to GCU major, reference “Program Major” table for applicable coursework)	29
Bachelor of Arts in Communication: Program Major Transferrable Courses			
SPC-110: Introduction to Speech Communication	3	COM-100: Fundamentals of Communication	3
SPC-271: Group Communication	3	COM-222: Small Group Communication	3

Credits completed at Arizona Western College may exceed 64 if students choose to take all courses listed above.

Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Associate of Arts at Arizona Western College	64 Credits
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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 Arizona Western College course must meet specific content requirements (or higher) in order to fulfill GCU’s course.
^	Symbol indicates the Arizona Western College 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 Communication: Program Major		
COM-263	Elements of Intercultural Communication	4
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-362	Argumentation and Advocacy	4
COM-370	Principles of Public Relations	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 – Arizona Western College		64 Credits
Credits Completed at Grand Canyon University		56 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 Communication 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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