

**Program Transfer Guide**  
**Des Moines Area Community College**  
**Associate of Arts (AA) in**  
**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER MAJOR**  
**→ UIU Bachelor of Science (BS) in**  
**COMMUNICATION STUDIES – Comm. Studies Emphasis**  
**MARCH 2026**



**Years 1 & 2 at Des Moines Area Community College:**

DMACC Program Course Sequence			Course Transfers into UIU as			
Course ID	Course Name	# Cr	Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled
<b>Semester 1</b>						
ENG 105	Composition I	3	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	PPE ENG 101
SDV 108	The College Experience	1	FYS 120/122	First Year Seminar	1	PPE FYS 120/122
SPC 101	Fund of Oral Communication	3	COMM 105	Public Speaking	3	PPE COMM 105 & Major
AA Degree Social/Behavioral Science		3	----	<i>See Electives Table</i>	3	<b>*Select PPE Social Science</b>
AA Degree Core Math		3	----	<i>See Electives Table</i>	3	<b>*Select PPE Quant Reasoning</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>						
ENG 106	Composition II	3	ENG 102	English Composition II	3	PPE ENG 102
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM 200	Interpersonal Comm.	3	PPE COMM 200 & Major
AA Degree Core Science with Lab		3	----	<i>See Electives Table</i>	3	<b>*Select PPE Science</b>
AA Degree Core Distributed		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
AA Degree Core Humanities		3	----	<i>See Electives Table</i>	3	<b>*Select PPE Creative Expression</b>
AA Elective Credits		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
<b>Semester 3</b>						
JOU 110	Intro to Mass Media	3	COMM 102	Intro to Mass Media	3	Major
Choose from Option 1 below ( <b>SPC 120</b> )		3	<b>COMM 221</b>	<b>Intercultural Comm.</b>	3	PPE HVCP & Major
AA Degree Core Humanities		3	----	----	3	PPE Creative Expr.
AA Degree Core Math or Science		3	----	----	3	PPE Science or Quant Reasoning
AA Degree Core Distributed		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
AA Degree Elective Credits		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
<b>Semester 4</b>						
AA Degree Core Social & Behavioral Science		3	----	----	3	PPE Soc. Science
AA Degree Elective Credits		6	----	----	6	Free Elective
AA Degree Core Humanities		3	----	----	3	PPE Creative Expr.
Select 3 credits from Option 1 ( <b>COM 148</b> )		3	<b>HVCP 150</b>	<b>Human Values &amp; Cultural Perspectives Gen Ed</b>	3	PPE HVCP
Total occupational course credits earned:		64	Total course credits accepted:		64	
Total transferable credits#:		64				

UIU recommendations are **bolded**.

<b>Option 1 – Communication classes</b>						
COM 146	Gender, Sexuality & Media	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values/Ctr'l Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
<b>COM 148</b>	<b>Diversity and the Media</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HVCP 150</b>	<b>Hum. Values/Ctr'l Persp. Gen Ed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>PPE HVCP</b>
<b>SPC 120</b>	<b>Intercultural Communication</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>COMM 221</b>	<b>Intercultural Communication</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>PPE HVCP &amp; Major</b>
SPC 170	Professional Communication	3	---	---	3	Free Elective

**Years 3 & 4 at Upper Iowa University:**

UIU Program Course List		# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled	Transferred In
<b>Peacock Professional Experience (PPE) Courses</b>				
FYS 120 OR FYS 122	First Year Seminar (Fayette) First Year Seminar (Online/Self-Paced)	1	Students who transfer to UIU with a completed Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree with a liberal arts core from Des Moines Area Community College, will be considered to have fulfilled all lower-division Upper Iowa University general education requirements.  Lower division transfer work will not contribute to the upper-division credit requirement at UIU.	
ENG 101	English Composition I	3		
ENG 102	English Composition II	3		
COMM 105 OR COMM 200	Public Speaking Interpersonal Communication	3		
	any Human Values & Cultural Perspectives	3		
	any Quantitative Reasoning	3		
	any Science	3		
	any Social Science	3		
	any Civics, Ethics & Citizenship	3		
	any Creative Expression	3		
<b>Peacock Professional Experience (Gen Ed) Electives (if needed)</b>				
<i>All students must complete at least 30 hours of general education (Peacock Professional Experience) coursework. If the student has had specific general education requirements waived above, you must meet the 30-hour minimum using any general education course(s) not already applied in the Peacock Professional Experience section.</i>				
PPE 100	Peacock Professional Experience Elective	2	PPE Electives	COM 148
PPE 100	Peacock Professional Experience Elective	3	PPE Electives	SPC 122
<b>Major Courses</b>				
COMM 102	Introduction to Mass Media	3	Major	JOU 110
COMM 105	Public Speaking	3	Major /PPE PW	SPC 101
COMM 203	Communication Theory	3	Major	---
COMM 221	Intercultural Communication	3	Major	SPC 120
COMM 326	New and Experimental Media	3	Major	---
COMM 334	Public Relations	3	Major	---
COMM 415	Communication and Media Ethics	3	Major	---
COMM 107	Human Communication	3	Emphasis /PPE HVCP	---
COMM 200	Interpersonal Communication	3	Emphasis/ PPE PW	SPC 122
COMM 352	Rhetoric & Public Culture	3	Emphasis	---
COMM 390	Research Methods in Communication	3	Emphasis	---
<i>Three of the following:</i>		9	Emphasis	---
PSY 310	Social Psychology			
COMM 276	Television Production			
COMM 286	Radio Production			
COMM 307	Business and Professional Comm.			
COMM 332	Writing for Media			
COMM 416	Crisis Communication			
<i>One of the following:</i>		3	Emphasis	---
COMM 403	Internship			
COMM 498	Senior Seminar			
COMM 499	Special Project			
<b>Additional Electives</b>				
Upper-Division Elective		9	Degree Requirements	---
Elective		14	Degree Requirements	---
Total additional credits needed at UIU to complete degree:		56		
Total transferable credits from DMACC:		64		
<b>Total Earned Credits:</b>		<b>120</b>		

Courses to be taken at Upper Iowa University

Note: Students must complete at least 18 credits in upper division courses.

**~~ NOTES ~~**

**LEGEND:**

- # Transfer grades lower than a C- will not be accepted.
- **Bolded** text indicates UIU recommendations.
- *Grayed out text* indicates courses fulfilled through transfer. Strikethrough indicates specific course if within grouping.

Students who transfer to UIU with a completed Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree in liberal arts from Des Moines Area Community College, will be considered to have fulfilled all lower-division Upper Iowa University PPE requirements. However, all students must complete at least 30 hours of general education (Peacock Professional Experience) coursework. If the student has had specific general education requirements waived above, you must meet the 30-hour minimum using any general education course(s) not already applied in the Peacock Professional Experience section.

A minimum of 120 semester credits is required for a baccalaureate degree; up to 78 lower-division college semester credits from Des Moines Area Community College. A minimum of 30 credits must be upper-division credits for a UIU baccalaureate degree; lower-division transfer work from Des Moines Area Community College does not contribute to the upper-division credit requirement at UIU.

*This program transfer guide is based on the December 2025 course-to-course articulation (UIU 2025-26 catalog & DMACC 2025-26 catalog).*

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this program articulation. The office of the Registrar of Upper Iowa University reserves the right to make corrections, additions, and deletions as necessary.

<b>Recommended General Education Elective Transfer Table</b>						
<b>DMACC ELECTIVES</b>			<b>Transfers as UIU Course</b>			
Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled
<b>AA Degree Core Humanities</b>						
ART 101	Art Appreciation	3	ART 100	Introduction to Art	3	PPE Creative Expr.
LIT 101	Intro to Literature	3	ENG 125	Introduction to Literature	3	PPE Creative Expr.
MUS 100	Music Appreciation	3	MUS 100	Introduction to Music	3	PPE Creative Expr.
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 150	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PPE Creative Expr.
<b>AA Core Science with Lab</b>						
BIO 104	Introductory Biology w/ Lab	3	BIO 100	General Biological Science	3	PPE Science
CHM 105	Survey of Chemistry	3	CHEM 140	Chemistry for Everyday Life	3	PPE Science
ENV 115	Environmental Science	3	ES 161	Intro. To Environmental Science	3	PPE Science
<b>AA Core Social &amp; Behavioral Science</b>						
HIS 151	US History to 1877	3	HIST 110	American History to 1877	3	PPE Social Science
HIS 152	US History Since 1877	3	HIST 111	American History Since 1877	3	PPE Social Science
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 190	General Psychology	3	PPE Social Science
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 110	Principles of Sociology	3	PPE Social Science
<b>AA Degree Core Math</b>						
MAT 110	Math for Liberal Arts	3	MATH 101	Math for Liberal Arts	3	PPE Quant. Reason.
MAT 130	Trigonometry	3	MATH 115	Trig & Analytic Geometry	3	PPE Quant. Reason.
MAT 156	Statistics	3	MATH 220	Elementary Statistics	3	PPE Quant. Reason.

## Maximize Your Transfer to UIU

### *Take up to 14 credits to fulfill Elective Requirements.*

Choose up to 14 additional credits at Des Moines Area Community College to transfer into Upper Iowa University to fulfill Elective requirements. Talk with your advisors to ensure additional courses will fit with your degree plan and financial aid requirements.

#### **Choose up to 14 credits from the following areas:**

- Elective Requirement – up to 14 credits