



PROGRAM OF STUDY

Journalism Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer,” a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a [articular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does not accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree (unless the major is a designated “high unit” major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admissions and transfer requirements.

At the time of catalog publication, a student may earn an AA-T in Journalism, Communication Studies, Psychology and Sociology. Additional majors are being developed. Please see a counselor for more information.

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

- A. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- B. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- C. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an “AA-T” or “AS-T” major as detailed in the transfer degree section of the catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a pass-no pass basis.
- D. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth – Option 2); OR the intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC - Option 3).

Program Outcomes:

OUTCOME 1:

Analyze a complete newspaper and understand why stories were chosen for inclusion.

OUTCOME 2:

Find and pitch both news and feature stories.

OUTCOME 3:

Conduct numerous interviews to obtain factual information.

OUTCOME 4:

Write a complete story using proper structure, style and grammar, and have the story published in the newspaper or online.

OUTCOME 5:

Assess their own strengths, weaknesses, and omissions in writing news and feature stories or taking photographs for publication and be able to adjust future performance in light of their self-assessments.

OUTCOME 6:

Collaborate in developing, designing, and completing a multi-media project and post it to the web.

Courses Needed for Journalism (Transfer)

Required Core (10 units):	Units
CMST A180 Introduction to Mass Communications	3.0
JOUR A110 News Writing and Reporting	3.0
JOUR A115 Newspaper Production Level 1	3.0
Subtotal	10.0

List A – select one course from the following:	Units
CMST A185 Public Relations <u>or</u> BUS A185 Public Relations	3.0
JOUR A116 Multi-Media Reporting and Producing	3.0
JOUR A117 Narrative Journalism	3.0
JOUR A185 Photojournalism	3.0
Subtotal	3.0

List B – select a minimum of two courses/six units by choosing a course not yet chosen from the above list or by choosing from the following:	Units
CMST A220 Essentials of Argumentation	3.0
ECON A170 Microeconomics or ECON A175 Macroeconomics	3.0
ENGL A101 Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing Through Literature or ENGL A101H Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing Through Literature Honors	4.0
MATH A160 Introduction to Statistics <u>or</u> MATH A160H Introduction to Statistics Honors	4.0
PHOT A120 Introduction to Photography <u>or</u> PHOT A120H Introduction to Photography	3.0
PHIL A150 Critical Reasoning & Writing	3.0
PSCI A180 American Government <u>or</u> PSCI A180H American Government Honors	3.0
PSCI A185 Comparative Politics	3.0
Subtotal	6.0

Program Major Units: 18-19	Units
CSU or IGETC General Education Breadth: 37-39	
Subtotal	37.0 – 39.0

Transfer elective units as needed to satisfy 60-unit degree requirement	Units
Subtotal	Varies

Total Units 60.0