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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-asses.

OUTCOME 6:

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

Career Opportunities in Journalism (Transfer)	
Students with a background in all aspects of journalism are in high demand in the industry and this degree gives them a cross-section of all areas within the discipline.	
Required Core Courses:	Units
CMST A180 Introduction Mass Communications	3.0
JOUR A110 News Writing and Reporting	3.0
JOUR A115 Newspaper Production Level 1	4.0
Subtotal	10.0
Complete 3-4 units from the following:	
JOUR A116 Multi-Media Reporting and Producing	3.0
JOUR A117 Feature Writing	3.0
JOUR A185 Photojournalism	3.0
CMST A185 Public Relations <u>or</u> BUS A185 Public Relations	3.0
Subtotal	3.0
Complete a minimum of 2 courses and 6 units by choosing a course not yet chosen from the above category or by choosing from the courses below:	
PHOT A120 Introduction to Photography <u>or</u> PHOT A120H Introduction to Photography Honors	3.0
MATH A160 Introduction to Statistics <u>or</u> MATH A160H Introduction to Statistics Honors	4.0
CMST A220 Essentials of Argumentation	3.0
ECON A170 Microeconomics <u>or</u> ECON A175 Macroeconomics	3.0
ENGL A101 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Through Literature <u>or</u> ENGL A101H Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Through Literature Honors	4.0
PSCI A180 American Government <u>or</u> PSCI A180H American Government Honors	3.0
PSCI A185 Comparative Politics	3.0
PHIL A150 Critical Reasoning & Writing	3.0
Subtotal	6.0
<i>Major Program Units:: 18 - 19</i>	
CSU or IGETC General Education Breadth: 37 – 39 units	
Subtotal	37.0 – 39.0
Transfer elective units needed to satisfy 60-unit degree requirement.	
Subtotal	2.0 – 5.0
Total Units	60.0

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