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Academic Year
2022 - 2023

Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (A.A.-T.)

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A.A.-T./A.S.-T. Degree for Transfer Requirements

1. Completion of all major courses with a C grade or higher. Major courses may be used to satisfy GE requirements.
2. Completion of either the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern in full; students transferring to CSU using IGETC must complete Area 1C.
3. Completion of a minimum of 90 CSU-transferable quarter units with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable units.

Note: While a minimum 2.0 GPA is required for admission to CSU, many majors and campuses require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor or academic adviser.

Note: A minimum of 18 degree-applicable quarter units must be earned at De Anza College.

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A.A.-T. Degree

The Journalism major consists of courses appropriate for an Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer degree, which provides a foundational understanding of the discipline, a breadth of coursework in the discipline and preparation for transfer to any CSU that accepts the Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC). Jobs in the field include journalist, multimedia producer, editor, writer, publication designer, copy editor, social media specialist, content producer, newsletter editor, public relations representative, publicist, sportswriter and photojournalist. The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Journalism (or an approved similar major) at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 (semester) units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion, students will be able to

- Demonstrate competency in the basics of journalistic writing, including grammar, punctuation, story structure and journalistic styles
- Demonstrate competency in research, information gathering and critical analysis of information using techniques such as observation, researching sources and interviewing
- Compile a portfolio of print, electronic and/or multimedia projects that tell journalistic stories
- Apply media literacy skills to explain the communication process and detect media bias
- Identify and apply the steps appropriate to gain employment in a mass communications industry

1. Meet the A.A.-T./A.S.-T. degree for transfer requirements.
2. Complete the following.

Required Core:	13
JOUR 2	Media and Its Impact on Society 4
JOUR 21A	News Writing and Reporting 3
JOUR 21B	Feature Writing and Reporting 3
JOUR 61A	Student News Media Production I 3

List A - Complete one option: 4-6

Option 1:	
JOUR 61B	Student News Media Production II (3)
JOUR 61C	Editorial Leadership for Student News Media (3)

Option 2:	
JOUR 80	Introduction to Public Relations (4)

Option 3:	
JOUR 90	Introduction to Multimedia Reporting (4)

List B - Complete three courses: 11-15

COMM 8	Argumentation and Critical Inquiry in Oral Communication (5)
or COMM 8H	Argumentation and Critical Inquiry in Oral Communication - HONORS (5)
ECON 1	Principles of Macroeconomics (4)
or ECON 1H	Principles of Macroeconomics - HONORS (4)
or ECON 2	Principles of Microeconomics (4)
or ECON 2H	Principles of Microeconomics - HONORS (4)
EWRT 2	Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking (5)
or EWRT 2H	Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking - HONORS (5)
MATH 10	Introductory Statistics (5)
or MATH 10H	Introductory Statistics - HONORS (5)
or PSYC 15	Statistics and Research Methods in Social Science (4)
	<i>also listed as SOC 15</i>
PHTG 1	Basic Photography (3)
POLI 1	American Government and Politics (5)
or POLI 1H	American Government and Politics - HONORS (5)
POLI 2	Comparative Politics (4)

<i>Major</i>	<i>Journalism for Transfer</i>	28-34
<i>Transfer GE</i>	<i>CSU GE or (IGETC for CSU) (51-62 units)</i>	
<i>Electives</i>	<i>CSU-transferable elective courses required when the major units plus transfer GE units total is less than 90 units</i>	
	Total Units Required	90