

JOURNALISM - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts degree for Transfer (AA-T) in Journalism meets the lower division course requirements necessary for the California State University (CSU) system. The Journalism program includes courses focused on the subject matter knowledge and competence needed to initiate study of Journalism, Mass Communication, Business, Advertising and Marketing, sociology, political science, visual media, and English.

Students majoring in Journalism develop critical thinking, problem-solving, written, visual, and verbal communication skills, as well as an understanding of legal and ethical issues as they relate to the media.

As Journalism majors, students have opportunities to explore careers in many areas, such as digital media, social media, public relations, public information/affairs, photojournalism, book publications, marketing, advertising, communications, technical writing, copy-writing, graphic design, newspapers, magazines, radio, and television.

To be awarded the Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer degree, students must:

(1) Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units which are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) system, including both of the following:

(A) The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) Requirements.

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

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.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe the roles of the various mass media, including their operation and current issues.
- Practice news gathering strategies through interviews with live sources, database searches, review of other printed materials and exploration of Internet web sites.
- Recognize the legal and ethical issues and responsibilities of the mass media.
- Practice time and resource management.

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Core:		9
JOURN 021	Mass Media and Society	3
JOURN 022	News Writing and Reporting for the Media	3
JOURN 032A	Media Production 1	3
List A: Complete One Course		3
JOURN 023	Intermediate Newswriting and Reporting	3

JOURN 032B	Media Production 2	3
JOURN 150	Introduction to Public Relations	3
JOURN 160	Introduction to Photojournalism	3
List B: Complete Two Courses		6
COMS 018	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMS 040	Argumentation and Debate	3
ECON 010A	Principles of Macroeconomic Theory	3
or ECON 010B	Introduction to Microeconomic Theory	
ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	3
PHOTO 022	Beginning Darkroom Photography	3
PHIL 060	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POLSC 002	Comparative Politics	3
Total Units		18

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Major Requirements		18
Cal-GETC Requirements		34
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60)		11-17
Total Units		60