

# SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Division: Social Sciences

## Requirements

PROGRAM CODE: 1A41264

The **Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T)** is designed to provide an opportunity for the Native American Studies major to achieve a Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T in Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies) which completes the first and second year requirements for transfer to a four-year public California institution. While at least a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for further academic study through upper-division course work.

This degree specifically prepares the prospective transfer student for upper division coursework in Native American Studies or a similar major at a California State University (CSU) campus. Students should consult a counselor, the Transfer Center and the catalog of the transfer college or university to plan a specific program of study to meet the college or university's requirements. Note: Courses that fulfill major requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer at Cypress College might not be the same as those required for completing the major at all transfer institutions offering a Baccalaureate Degree. 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 AA-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) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is designated "high-unit" major). 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. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students successfully completing the AA-T in Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies will acquire a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge base of the Native American experience in the United States. This degree will allow students to analyze historical themes and contemporary issues among Native Americans and Indigenous peoples while holistically developing a critical, intersectional understanding of indigeneity, race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, power, and sovereignty in American society. The major prepares students for both transfer and graduate studies as well as careers that serve the Native American community in areas/fields such as cultural resource management, human and health services, marketing and

communications, research and education, politics and government, fine and performing arts and multicultural and/or Native American affairs.

To earn an AA-T in Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies students must complete the following requirements:

1. a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in the Social Justice Studies: Native American Studies major course requirements with a grade of C or better; . A P(Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for a course in the major only if the P is defined to be equivalent to a C or better;
2. California State University General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements;
3. elective courses to complete a minimum of 60 units of CSU transferable coursework; and
4. have an overall GPA of 2.0.

This degree requires a total of 18 units.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses (9 units):</b>		
ETHS 101 C	American Ethnic Studies (formerly ETHS 100 C)	3
or ETHS 101HC	Honors American Ethnic Studies	
SOC 225 C	Sociology of Women	3
ETHS 159 C	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
<b>LIST A: Select three courses from the following (9 units):</b>		<b>9</b>
ETHS 160 C	Native American History I	3
ETHS 161 C	Native American History II	3
ANTH 121 C	Native North America	3
or ETHS 235 C	American Social Justice Movements	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18</b>