

JOURNALISM ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Division: Visual and Performing Arts

PROGRAM CODE: 1A35300

Financial Aid Eligible

The **Journalism Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer** is designed to provide an opportunity for the Journalism major to achieve a Journalism Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T in Journalism) 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, completion of this curriculum will also demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for further academic study through upper division course work. This curriculum specifically prepares the prospective transfer student for upper division coursework in Journalism 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 Associate in Arts for Transfer in Journalism 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 particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does 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 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 with an AA-T in Journalism may pursue careers in Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising as well as careers in a variety of mass communication media, including integrated, digital media on the internet and careers in traditional media such as print and broadcasting. To earn an AA-T in Journalism, students must complete: (1) a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units of major course requirements with a minimum grade of "C"; . 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); (3) any elective courses to complete a minimum of 60 units of CSU transferable coursework; (4) have an overall GPA of 2.0

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (9 units):		
JOUR 101 C	Reporting and Writing	3
JOUR 110 C	Global Media	3
JOUR 225 C	Student Media Practicum I	3

List A - Select from the following (3 units):		3
JOUR 130 C	Visual Communication	3
JOUR 140 C	Public Relations	3
JOUR 226 C	Student Media Practicum II	3
JOUR 228 C	Visual Journalism	3
List B - Select from the following (6-8 units):		6-8
PHOT 101 C	Introduction to Photography	3
MATH 120 C	Intro Probability Statistics	4
or PSY 161 C	Probability & Stats-Social Sci	
or PSY 161HC	Honors Prob Stats-Soc Sci	
or SOC 161 C	Probability & Stats-Social Sci	
or SOC 161HC	Honors Prob & Stats-Soc Sci	
COMM 135 C	Argument and Critical Thinking	3
ECON 100 C	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
or ECON 100HC	Honors Princ of Econ-Macro	
ECON 105 C	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
or ECON 105HC	Honors Princ of Econ - Micro	
ENGL 103 C	Critical Reasoning and Writing	4
or ENGL 103HC	Honors Critical Reason Wrtg	
PHIL 175 C	Symbolic Logic	3
POSC 100 C	United States Government	3
or POSC 100HC	Honors U.S. Government	
POSC 215 C	Comparative Politics	3
Total Units		18-20

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