



### **Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer**

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer prepares students to move into the CSU system leading to a baccalaureate degree in Journalism, and then into careers in daily reporting, media editing, writing, Web-based multimedia reporting, visual reporting, photography, print and digital design, public relations, advertising, radio, digital media, and television writing and production. Completion of the degree also provides guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system, along with priority admission consideration to a local CSU. Upon completion of the AA-T in Journalism, students will be able to define and execute newsgathering strategies; write articles under deadline; edit their own and others' articles for proper spelling, grammar and AP Style; define relevant news content; gather news information weekly; and assess legal and ethical media issues at the final level of a traditional lower division Journalism sequence.

#### **Learning Outcome(s):**

1. Students will apply the basic principles of journalism such as accuracy, fairness, and public service.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the history and role of professionals and institutions in shaping communications and be able to discuss the legal and ethical underpinnings of USMass Media.
3. Students will conduct research for news stories using a variety of sources and evaluate the accuracy of information sources.

Courses	Units
<b>Required Core: (10 units)</b>	
Communications & Media Studies 105, Mass Media and Society — OR —	
Communications & Media Studies 105H, Honors Mass Media and Society	3
Communications & Media Studies 121, Introduction to Reporting and Newswriting	3
Communications & Media Studies 123A, News Media Production	4
<b>List A: Select one course from the following: (3-4 units)</b>	
Communications & Media Studies 103, Introduction to Visual Communications (3)	3-4
Communications & Media Studies 123B, Intermediate News Media Production (4)	
Communications & Media Studies 160, Introduction to Photojournalism (3)	
Communications & Media Studies 210, Intermediate Reporting and Newswriting (3)	
<b>List B: Select two courses from the following: (6-8 units)</b>	
Communications & Media Studies 111, Media, Race and Gender (3)	6-8
Communications & Studies 140, Argumentation and Debate (3)	
Communications & Media Studies 298A, Designing for Print and Digital Media (3)	
Counseling 144, Reasoning and Problem Solving (3) —OR —	
Philosophy 144, Reasoning and Problem Solving (3) —OR —	
Reading 150, Critical Reading (3)	
Philosophy 110, Critical Thinking (4) —OR —	
Philosophy 110H, Honors Critical Thinking (4)	
Economics 120, Principles/Macro (3) —OR —	
Economics 121, Principles/Micro (3)	
English 102, Literature and Composition (4) —OR —	
English 102H, Honors Literature and Composition (4) —OR —	
English 103, Critical Thinking and Writing (4) —OR —	
English 103H, Honors Critical Thinking and Writing (4) —OR —	
Mathematics 219, Statistics and Probability (4) —OR —	
Mathematics 219H, Honors Statistics and Probability (4) —OR —	
Philosophy 111, Introductory Logic (4)	
Photography 180, Beginning Photography (3)	
Political Science 101, Introduction to American Governments (3) —OR —	
Political Science 101H, Honors Introduction to American Governments (3)	
Political Science 201, Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)	

**Total Units 19-22**



California community colleges are now offering Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California community college students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

Santa Ana College offers numerous AA-T and AS-T degrees. To find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please meet with a SAC counselor. You can also find this information at: [www.calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml). **An A.A.-T or A.S.-T 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.** Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

**\*Please consult a counselor regarding specific course requirements for your transfer institution.**



## Requirements

Student completion requirements for the associate degree for transfer:

- 1.) 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU transferable units. At least 12 of the units must be earned at Santa Ana College.
- 2.) The California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth); OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern. (Students pursuing an ADT in Biology or Chemistry, currently under development, have the option of using CSU General Education for STEM or IGETC for STEM. Please see a counselor for more information).
- 3.) A minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college district (see Instructional Programs portion of the catalog).
- 4.) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- 5.) Earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

**Santa Ana College currently offers the following Associate in Arts and Associate in Science for Transfer degrees:**

Administration of Justice  
 Anthropology  
 Art History  
 Business Administration Communication  
 Studies Computer Science  
 Early Childhood Education Elementary Teacher  
 Education English  
 Geography  
 Geology  
 History  
 Journalism  
 Kinesiology  
 Mathematics  
 Music  
 Philosophy  
 Physics  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Sociology Spanish  
 Studio Arts  
 Theatre Arts

See the Instructional Programs Section of this catalog for major requirements. Additional degrees were pending approval from the California Community College Chancellor's Office at the time of catalog publication.

## Course Substitutions and Reciprocity, Policy and Procedures

Students who have completed courses at another California community college, a regionally accredited institution and/or completed an external exam such as AP, CLEP, or IB may apply the coursework or exam results toward AA-T/AS-T major requirements as follows:

- 1.) A course with a C-ID designation which is completed at another California community college will be substituted for a SAC course that meets an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) major requirement designated with the same C-ID number SAC departmental approval is not required.
- 2.) A course without a C-ID designation which is completed at a regionally accredited institution, other than a California community college, will be reviewed by SAC discipline faculty. Course-to-course substitution will be granted based on discipline faculty determination of comparability to a SAC course with the approved C-ID designation for the given ADT. Course-to-course substitution will be granted in accordance with the statewide C-ID descriptor when the SAC course does not have an approved C-ID designation, but a statewide C-ID descriptor exists. When no such descriptor exists, course substitution will be based on discipline faculty determination of comparability to a SAC course included on the ADT.
- 3.) Students who have completed an external examination such as AP, CLEP, and IB are granted course credit toward ADT major requirements as listed in the SAC catalog (Students should be aware that AP credit may be awarded/counted differently by the transfer institution).
- 4.) A course completed at another California community college that is approved as part of an associate degree for transfer will be applied to the corresponding Santa Ana College Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in the corresponding SAC ADT area. Courses completed at other California community colleges must be part of the ADT at the time the student completed the course. Courses completed at other CCC's prior to ADT approval will be "grandfathered".