

JOURNALISM – ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER TO CSU

Top Code:

0602.00

The Journalism AA-T curriculum prepares students to seek employment with print and online newspapers, magazines, and digital publications. Graduates will be prepared to work as reporters, writers, news researchers, feature article writers, and editorial and design specialists. The curriculum features experience with computerized desktop publishing/editing and online publishing software.

This area of emphasis is intended to align students with preparation for transfer into the CSU system in the Journalism major sequence. It includes theory of mass communications, introduction to news writing, and practical experience reporting, writing and producing a weekly newspaper and its online edition.

Requirements for the Major

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements

- 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU-transferable units.
- the California State University-General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE-Breadth); OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.
- a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college district.
- obtainment of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- earn a grade of C or better, or "P" if the course is graded on a P/NP basis, in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

Program Outcomes

- Cooperate with editors and other staff members in a news room environment to produce and publish a weekly campus newspaper.
- Produce a portfolio showing a range of published stories demonstrating skills in writing news, feature, opinion, and sports stories.
- Direct staff members and organize page content to produce a weekly newspaper. Students will also act as publication editors and design the pages.

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Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
COMM 001	SURVEY OF MASS COMMUNICATION	3
JOUR 002	BEGINNING JOURNALISM	3
JOUR 007A	NEWSWRITING AND MAKE-UP I	4

List A

Select one of the following:		3
JOUR 004A	REPORTING AND NEWSWRITING	
JOUR 007B	NEWSWRITING AND MAKE-UP II	
JOUR 009	PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION	
JOUR 042A	BEGINNING PHOTOJOURNALISM	

List B

Select two of the following:		6
ECON 001A	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	
	or ECON 001B PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
ENGL 001C	INTERMEDIATE COMPOSITION-CRITICAL THINKING AND ARGUMENT	
PHOT 021	INTRODUCTION TO BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY	
POLS 001	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
POLS 002	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PHIL 025	INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING	
PHIL 030	LOGIC	
	or PHIL 033 INTRODUCTION TO SYMBOLIC LOGIC	
SPCH 006	ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
SPCH 013	INTRODUCTION TO SPEECH COMMUNICATION	
STAT 050	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
	or STAT 018 STATISTICS FOR BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	

Required Subtotal	19
CSU General Education or IGETC CSU Pattern	37-39
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 transferable units)	
Degree Total	60

Visit the Program Mapper (<https://pasadena-city.programmapper.ws/academics/interest-clusters/569653cf-54a0-404a-870a-73a04dc48267/programs/ade8ad88-0d9b-3b38-3703-4d820d76ae3b/>) for a suggested sequence of courses.

General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

- General Information (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/>)
- CSU Breadth (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#csubreadthtext>)
- IGETC (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#igetctext>)