

Associate in Arts in Communications Studies for Transfer

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T) prepares students to move into a curriculum at a four-year institution leading to a baccalaureate degree in communication studies. Please consult a counselor regarding specific course requirements for your transfer institution. Completion of the AA-T degree also provides guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system, along with priority admission to the local CSU, Fullerton, in the Communication Studies major. Upon completion of the AA-T in Communication Studies students will have a general understanding of the main communication studies theories as they pertain to interpersonal communication, public speaking, interpersonal communication, and argumentation and debate. Students will have the capacity to write and think in a critically analytical way about issues pertaining to the process of human communication.

Learning Outcome(s):

1. Students will describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate both in theory and practice the key constructs advanced in the following fields of Communication Studies: interpersonal, intercultural, small group dynamics, debate, and public discourse.
2. Students will analyze and demonstrate understanding of current theories of communication in written and oral formats.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of effective strategies for initiating, maintaining, and ending communication encounters.

Course	Units
<u>Required Core (3 units)</u>	
Communication Studies 102, Public Speaking (3)	3
<u>List A: Select two courses (6 units)</u>	6
Communication Studies 140, Argumentation and Debate (3)	
Communication Studies 101, Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3)	
— OR —	
Communication Studies 101H, Honors Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3)	
Communication Studies 145, Group Dynamics (3)	
<u>List B: Select two courses (6 units)</u>	
Any course from List A not used above	6
Communication Studies 103, Introduction to Intercultural Communication (3)	
— OR —	
Communication Studies 103H, Honors Introduction to Intercultural Communication (3)	
Communication Studies 151, Voice and Diction for Effective Communication (3)	
Communications Studies 152, Oral Interpretation (3)	
Television/Video Communications 105, Mass Media and Society (3)	
— OR —	
Television/Video Communications 105H, Honors Mass Media and Society (3)	
<u>List C: Select one course (3 units). Any course not selected above.</u>	3
Anthropology 100, 100H; Communication Studies 158, 170, 206, 206H; Communications & Media Studies 111; English 102, 102H; Psychology 100, 100H; Sociology 100, 100H	
	Total 18



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. **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).
- 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
 Chemistry
 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".