A Course of Study for

JOURNALISM AA-T

This program teaches students the methods and techniques for gathering, processing and delivering news, and prepares students to be professional print and multimedia journalists. Included is instruction in news writing and editing, reporting and multimedia story production, professional standards and ethics, and journalism history and research. Careers in this field include book editor, copywriter, film critic, foreign correspondent, freelance writing, online editor, multimedia story producer, journalist, magazine editor, news anchor, newspaper editor, publicist, sportswriter, and technical writer.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Journalism Associate Degree for Transfer
- Journalism – Multimedia Storytelling Associate Degree
- Related Area: Communication Studies
- Related Area: Media Studies

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, non-profit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

SMC offers the Journalism Associate Degree for Transfer. Students completing this degree are eligible for priority transfer admission consideration in the majors at the California State University campuses listed below. In addition, you will be required to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete your baccalaureate degree.

NOTE: If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as the transfer requirements may be different from those required for the Journalism AA-T.
Below are the CSU campuses and majors accepting this Transfer degree. This list is subject to change without notice. For the most current list, go to [calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml](http://calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml)

| Bakersfield: Communications – Communications – General, BA | Fresno: Mass Communication & Journalism – Print Journalism, BA |
| Chico: Journalism – News, BA | Fullerton: Communications – Journalism, BA |
| Chico: Journalism – Public Relations, BA | Humboldt: Journalism – News, BA |
| Dominguez Hills: Communications – Advertising/Public Relations Option, BA | Humboldt: Journalism – Public Relations, BA |
| Dominguez Hills: Communications – Journalism, BA | Long Beach: Journalism – General, BA |
| Dominguez Hills: Communications – Media Studies Option, BA | Monterey Bay: Human Communication – Journalism and Media Studies, BA |
| East Bay: Communication – Media Production, BA | Pomona: Communication – Journalism, BS |
| East Bay: Communication – Professional, Public and Organizational Communication, BA | Sacramento: Journalism – Government/Journalism, BA |
| San Jose: Humanities – Liberal Arts, BA | San Marcos: Mass Media – General, BA |

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN JOURNALISM FOR TRANSFER TO THE CSU**

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is designed to facilitate transfer admission to a CSU in a similar major. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, consult a counselor regarding the transfer requirements of that institution.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:

- completion of at least 60 CSU-transferable semester including:
  - completion of the Area of Emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher (Title 5 §55063)
  - completion of either CSU GE or IGETC; students transferring to CSU using IGETC must complete Area 1C (see [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) or visit the Transfer/Counseling Center)
  - a minimum of 12 degree applicable semester units completed at SMC
  - a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable units *Note: while a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to a CSU, some majors/campuses may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for details."

**CATALOG RIGHTS**

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student’s *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

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JOURNALISM, ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (AA-T) involves the methods and techniques for gathering, processing, and delivering news, and prepares students to be professional print and multimedia journalists. Included is instruction in news writing and editing, reporting and multimedia story production, professional standards and ethics, and journalism history and research. Careers in this field include book editor, copywriter, film critic, foreign correspondent, freelance writer, online editor, multimedia story producer, journalist, magazine editor, news anchor, newspaper editor, publicist, sportswriter, and technical writer.

Upon completion of the Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (AA-T), students will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper division baccalaureate study. Completion of the degree indicates that the student will have satisfied the lower division requirements for transfer into journalism or similar majors for many campuses in the California State University system.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will be able to produce essential nonfiction storytelling techniques in print and multimedia formats, demonstrate the ability to work as a team member to collaborate on media production across several formats, and demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and legal issues affecting journalists.

Required Core Courses: (10 units)

- **JOURN 1**, The News (3)
- **JOURN 16**, Producing the Campus Newspaper (4)
- **MEDIA 1**, Survey of Mass Media Communications (3)

LIST A: Select 1 course from the following: (3 units)

- **JOURN 2**, Intermediate Newswriting and Reporting (3)
- **JOURN 15**, Introduction to Multimedia Storytelling (3)
- **JOURN 17**, Editing the Campus Newspaper (2)
- **JOURN 21**, News Photography (3) *(same as PHOTO 13)*
- **JOURN 43**, Public Relations and Publicity (3)
- **PHOTO 13**, News Photography (3)

LIST B: Select 2 courses from the following; 1 course from each group: (6 units)

**GROUP 1**: Any course from List A not used above.

**GROUP 2**

- **BUS 32**, Business Communications (3)
- **COM ST 11**, Elements of Public Speaking (3) *(formerly SPEECH 1)*
- **COM ST 12**, Persuasion (3) *(formerly SPEECH 2)*
- **COM ST 16**, Fundamentals of Small Group Discussion (3) *(formerly SPEECH 6)*
- **COM ST 21**, Argumentation (3) *(formerly SPEECH 11)*
- **ENGL 1**, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
- **ENGL 2**, Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition (3)
- **ENGL 31**, Advanced Composition (3)
- **HIST 47**, The Practice of History (3)
- **PHILOS 7**, Logic and Critical Thinking (3)

**GROUP 3**

- **MATH 2**, Precalculus (5)
- **MATH 21**, Finite Mathematics (3)
- **MATH 26**, Functions and Modeling for Business and Social Science (3)
- **MATH 54**, Elementary Statistics (4)

*or*

ANY MATH COURSE FOR WHICH THESE ARE A PREREQUISITE

**GROUP 4**

- **PHOTO 1**, Introduction to Photography (3)