

# JOURNALISM, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (AA-T in Journalism) is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Journalism, Mass Communication, Public Relations, Advertising, or a major deemed similar, at a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-T in Journalism within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are "similar" varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to the CSU's Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) website and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

## To earn an AA-T in Journalism, students must:

- Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
  - The coursework required for the AA-T in Journalism as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.
- Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- Obtain a grade of "C" or better or "P" in all courses required in the major. Even though a "pass-no-pass" is allowed (Title 5 §55062), it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C).
- Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence at the college granting the degree.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Journalism will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major at a particular campus). 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 should consult with a counselor to obtain more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
<b>REQUIRED CORE: Complete three courses (9 units)</b>		
JOUR M01/ FTMA M100	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
JOUR M02	Digital Media Reporting & Writing	3
JOUR M10A	Student News Digital Media Staff	3

Units from LIST A (3 - 4 units)	3-4
Units from LIST B (6 units)	6
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>18-19</b>

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### LIST A: Select and complete one course (3 - 4 units)

JOUR M03	Advanced Digital Media Reporting & Writing	3
JOUR M05	Introduction to Visual Communication	3
JOUR M10B	Student News Digital Media Desk Editors	4
JOUR M14	Digital Public Relations	3
JOUR M15	Digital Storytelling	3
PHTC M35	Introduction to Photojournalism	3

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### LIST B - Select and complete two courses (6 units)

#### Statistics - only one course

MATH M15	Introductory Statistics	4
or MATH M15H	Honors: Introductory Statistics	
SOC/PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	3

#### Economics - only one course

ECON M201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON M202	Principles of Macroeconomics	
or ECON M202H	Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	
COMM M07	Argumentation and Debate	3
DES M127	Digital Layout	3
ENGL M01C	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
or ENGL M01CH	Honors: Critical Thinking and Composition	
POLS M02	Comparative Politics	3
POLS M03	American Government and Politics	3
or POLS M03H	Honors: American Government and Politics	
PHIL M07	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL M09	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3

Any CSU GE Breadth courses from two different Areas within A through D or IGETC Areas 1A through 5C not used above.

<b>Total Units for Major</b>	<b>18 - 19</b>
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<b>CSU General Education-Breadth</b>	<b>39</b>
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Double-Counted Units	6 - 12
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Electives Units to meet 60 CSU transferable	8 - 15
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<b>IGETC Pattern</b>	<b>37</b>
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NOTE: IGETC 1C is required for all CSU applicants. Students applying to a UC or Private school may earn this ADT without IGETC 1C but will be ineligible to apply to a CSU.

Double-Counted Units	3 - 12
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Electives Units to meet 60 CSU transferable	7 - 17
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<b>Total Units Required for the AA-T Degree</b>	<b>60</b>
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Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

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- apply critical reasoning and analysis to issues of ethics and accuracy in the mass media today and create journalistic articles for publication.
- gather, synthesize, analyze and create prose of publication quality.