



**Los Angeles Harbor College**  
**Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (AA-T) Degree**

Student Name

Student ID

Counselor Signature

Date

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer (AA-T) Degree is intended for students planning to transfer into a Bachelor of Arts program in Journalism, Public Relations or related areas at a California State University (CSU); guaranteeing admission to the system (but not to a specific campus), and priority consideration for admission to the equivalent CSU program. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. This degree complies with The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440).

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to demonstrate mastery of:

- an appreciation of the mass media, including free speech/free press provisions of the First Amendment, both as consumers and as potential practitioners; the ability to demonstrate a wide breadth and depth of understanding of mass media theories, social media and the internet, methods and concepts; and
- an understanding of ethical and legal implications of media and the importance of cultural and intellectual diversity, civic engagement and social responsibility in the field of journalism.

**Academic Plan Code: H038068G**

**Degree Requirements:** 60 CSU transferable units with a 2.0 GPA. Major courses must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. Full completion of CSU IGETC or CSU GE is required. *Complete additional CSU units, if needed, to reach 60 CSU transferable units.*

<b>Required Core: Select three (9 units):</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
JOURNAL 105	Mass Communications (3)			
JOURNAL 101	Collecting and Writing the News (3)			
JOURNAL 218 <b>OR</b>	Practical Editing (3) <b>OR</b>			
JOURNAL 220	Magazine Production (3)			

<b>List A: Select 3 units (3 units):</b>				
JOURNAL 258	Bloggng and Social Media (3)			
JOURNAL 202	Advanced Newswriting (3)			
PUB REL 001	Principles of Public Relations (3)			
JOURNAL 217-1 <b>OR</b>	Publication Laboratory I (2) <b>OR</b>			
JOURNAL 218-2	Practical Editing 2 (3) <b>AND</b>			
JOURNAL 219-1	Techniques for Staff Editors (1)			

<b>List B: Select 6 units (6 units):</b>				
STAT 001 <b>OR</b>	Elementary Statistics I for the Social Sciences (3) <b>OR</b>			
MATH 227	Statistics (4)			
ECON 001 <b>OR</b>	Principles of Economics I (3) <b>OR</b>			
ECON 002	Principles of Economics II (3)			
POLSCI 001	The Government of the United States (3)			
POLSCI 002	Modern World Governments (3)			
ENGLISH 103	Composition and Critical Thinking (3)			
COMM 104	Argumentation and Debate (3)			
COMM 101	Public Speaking (3)			
COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication (3)			
COMM 190	Communication and New Media (3)			

**Total Units for the Major: 18**

<b>General Education: Full completion of GE required</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CSU GE Breadth or <input type="checkbox"/> CSU IGETC (Area 1C required, Area 6A LOTE not required) Note: Major courses may be double counted towards general education.			
<b>Completion of 60 CSU transferable units</b>			



## Associate Degrees for Transfer Frequently Asked Questions

### What is an AA-T and AS-T Degree?

AA-T and AS-T are acronyms for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees that are designed specifically for transfer to the **California State University System**. The degrees are the results of Senate Bill 1440, a transfer bill that required the California Community Colleges to offer associate degrees for transfer in many of the most popular majors, and for the CSU to provide priority admission to California Community College students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T degree. These degrees can be completed in 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) and include coursework in general education, major preparation and electives.

### How are the AA-T and AS-T degrees different from the associate degrees that community colleges already offer?

Students completing an AA-T or AS-T degree receive priority admission to the CSU system. Students who have completed an AA-T or AS-T and are admitted to a **CSU major that has been deemed similar** are guaranteed admission at junior standing, and the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree with 60 additional semester (or 90 quarter) units. AA-T and AS-T degrees are recognized by both the California Community College and CSU systems as a measure of preparation and readiness for transfer to upper-division course work at the CSU. Students should check with a counselor to see if their major is deemed similar at the CSU campuses they plan to apply to.

### What does it mean when you say “a degree with a guarantee”?

This program **guarantees** that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree from a California Community College will be admitted to a **California State University** campus. The campus you will be admitted to depends on several factors, such as the location of your community college, the program of study that a student intends to follow, and a student’s competitiveness for admission. The program also guarantees a student will enter the CSU system at junior standing, and only need to complete 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) to earn a bachelor’s degree in a CSU program that has been deemed as similar.

### What is the benefit of earning an AA-T or AS-T degree?

Besides the benefit of completing community college coursework with an associate degree in hand, this program also provides students with the necessary preparation to transfer to the CSU system and complete a baccalaureate degree. Students with an AA-T or AS-T degree receive admission priority and guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system, along with the ability to complete a baccalaureate degree with only 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) in a degree program that has been deemed similar.

### What are the requirements for earning an AA-T and AS-T degree?

Community college students should work with a counselor to develop an academic plan that includes the specific course requirements for their degree goals. In general, a student will be required to complete 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units), which includes coursework in general education, major preparation and elective courses.

### Do students need to apply for CSU certification if they earn an Associate Degree for Transfer?

Students who earn an Associate Degree for Transfer do not need to apply for certification. The degree requires full completion of the CSU GE or CSU IGETC pattern. Completion of IGETC Area 1C Oral Communication is required **ONLY** if you are planning to transfer to a CSU campus. Once the CSU campus receives a student’s final transcript with the AA-T or AS-T degree posted, they will automatically consider GE to be fully completed. CSU campuses will also check for completion of the U.S History Constitution and American Ideals requirement. If the requirement was not completed as part of CSU GE Area D or IGETC Area 4, students will still need to complete the requirement after transfer. For more information go to [www.adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com) or [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) or [www.Assist.org](http://www.Assist.org)

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L.A. HARBOR course	C-ID Descriptor #	L.A. HARBOR course	C-ID Descriptor #
JOURNAL 101	JOUR 110	POL SCI 001	POLS 110
JOURNAL 105	JOUR 100	POL SCI 002	POLS 130
JOURNAL 202	JOUR 210	COMM 104	COMM 120
JOURNAL 217-1	JOUR 131	COMM 101	COMM 110
JOURNAL 218	JOUR 130	COMM 121	COMM 130
JOURNAL 219-1	JOUR 131	MATH 227	MATH 110
JOURNAL 220	JOUR 130	STAT 001	MATH 110 & SOCI 125
JOURNAL 258	JOUR 120	ECON 001	ECON 201
PUB REL 001	JOUR 150	ECON 002	ECON 202
ENGLISH 103	ENGL 105 (ENGL 115)		