

# Journalism AA-T (CSU GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

**Program Description:** The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer”, a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AST) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete: 1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following: a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements. b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. 2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Associate Degrees for Transfer also require that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. [The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act \(SB 1440\)](#)

**Program SLO:** Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the cores skills and knowledge required for multimedia journalism

**Important Transfer Information:** *The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811*

\*Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Media Entertainment Arts Department](#).

First Semester	(3-17 units)		
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>MEA 100</b>	<b>Mass Media and Society (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course and Area E</b>
<b>MEA 110</b>	<b>Writing for Multimedia Journalism (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>
<b>MATH 140/140H OR SOCI 137</b>	<b>Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) OR Statistics for Social Sciences (FA, SP)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Major course and Area B4</b>
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area A2
COMS 105/105H or COMS 120	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A1
	<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>17</b>	

**Check the Honors website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below**

Second Semester		(18-32 units)		
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses	
MEA 125 <i>OR</i> MEA 210 <i>OR</i> PHOTO 215 <i>Department Highly Recommends MEA 125</i>	Introduction Multimedia Journalism (FA, SP) Intermediate News Reporting/Writing (SP) Photojournalism and News Photography (FA)	3	Major Course	
Major Required Elective	Select one course from the Major Required Electives table below	3	Major Course	
*Critical Thinking	Choose one course from the CSU GE A3 category (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A3	
Arts Course	Choose one course from the CSU GE Area C1 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C1	
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>See table below for options</i>	3	American Institutions and Area C2	
		<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	

*\*Some CSU's will require a second semester of English Composition.*

Third Semester				
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses	
MEA 225	News Media Production I (FA, SP)	3	Major Course	
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>See table below for options</i>	3	American Institutions and Area D	
Arts <i>or</i> Humanities	Choose one course in CSU GE Area C1 <i>or</i> C2 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C1 or C2	
Physical Science	Choose one course from CSU GE Area B1 (if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Life Science course) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area B1 (and B3)	
Social Science Course	Choose one course from CSU GE Area D (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area D	
		<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>15-16</b>	

Fourth Semester				
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses	
Life Science	Choose one course from CSU GE Area B2 (if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course )	3-4	Area B2 (and B3)	
Ethnic Studies	Choose one course from CSU GE Area F (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area F	
CSU Elective- <i>Department recommends MEA 230</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>Department Recommends MEA 230 – News Media Production II (FA, SP)</i>	3	Elective	
CSU Elective <i>Department recommends MEA 210</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>Department Recommends MEA 210 Intermediate News Reporting/Writing (SP) if not yet taken</i>	3	Elective	
CSU Elective	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	1	Elective	
		<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>13-14</b>	

**Total Units: 60**

**Major Required Electives: Select a minimum of six units from the following:**

COMS 100/100H	Process of Communication (FA, WI, SP)	3
COMS 225	Strategies of Argumentation (FA, SP)	3

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ENGL 103/103H	Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
MATH 140/140H OR SOCI 137	Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) OR Statistics for Social Sciences (FA, SP) <i>Recommended to meet Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning GE Requirement Area B4</i>	4
PHOTO 155	Photography (FA, SP)	3
POLISC 150/150H	Introduction to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3

**American Institutions Requirement** – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

<b>Option 1</b>	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
<b>Option 2</b>	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

**Counselor Notes** This sequence may not meet transfer admissions requirements. Some CSU's will require foreign language as part of the admissions requirements or graduation requirements. Please follow up with the Counseling Department for additional information @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling>.

### Counseling Resources

Media Entertainment Arts Department Website: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/mea/index.php>

CSU General Education Guide: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/transfer/index.php>

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Cal State University: [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)

Degree with a Guarantee: <http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/>

### Career Resources

Professional Associations: National Press Photographers Association <https://nppa.org/>

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O\*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>