

JOURNALISM (AA-T DEGREE A0400)

Humanities and Social Science Division Degree A0400

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer provides a broad base of education in the discipline and introduces students to journalism and multimedia. It gives students the option of studying journalistic writing for traditional and online media. Completion of the degree provides students with the core skills and knowledge needed to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Journalism. Students who earn this degree will be able to transfer to university or enter the local job market. In this program, students will gain hands-on experience with all aspects of news gathering, organizing, writing, and disseminating information.

To earn an Associate in Arts degree for Transfer a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU that consist of: IGETC pattern or CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 18 units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements.

Required Courses

| Course Prefix | Course Name | Units |
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| Core Courses | | |
| JOUR 100 | Introduction to Mass Communications | 3 |
| JOUR 101 | Beginning Writing and Reporting for the Mass Media | 3 |
| JOUR 114 | Student News Media Staff | 3 |
| List A | | |
| Choose one course from the following: | | 3 |
| JOUR 102 | Intermediate Writing and Reporting for Mass Media | |
| JOUR 108 | Introduction to Public Relations | |
| JOUR 115 | Student News Media Editing Staff | |
| JOUR 116 | Multimedia Storytelling | |
| List B | | |
| Choose two courses from the following | | 6-7 |
| BUSC 1A | Principles of Economics - Macroeconomics | |
| or BUSC 1AH | Principles of Economics - Macroeconomics - Honors | |
| BUSC 1B | Principles of Economics - Microeconomics | |
| or BUSC 1BH | Principles of Economics - Microeconomics - Honors | |
| BUSC 17 | Applied Business Statistics | |
| ENGL 1B | English - Introduction to Literary Types | |
| or ENGL 1BH | English - Introduction to Literary Types - Honors | |
| ENGL 1C | Critical Thinking and Writing | |
| or ENGL 1CH | Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors | |
| JOUR 106 | Online Media Laboratory | |
| JOUR 107 | Race, Culture, Gender, and Mass Media Images | |
| JOUR 111 | Writing Broadcast and Web News | |
| MATH 110 | Elementary Statistics | |
| or MATH 110H | Elementary Statistics - Honors | |
| PHIL 3 | Introduction to Logic | |
| or PHIL 3H | Introduction to Logic - Honors | |
| PHIL 9 | Critical Thinking and Writing | |
| or PHIL 9H | Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors | |

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| PHOT 10 | Basic Digital and Film Photography | |
| POLI 1 | Introduction to American Government and Politics | |
| or POLI 1H | Introduction to American Government and Politics - Honors | |
| POLI 2 | Comparative Politics | |
| POLI 25 | Latino Politics in the United States | |
| POLI 35 | African American/Black Politics | |
| PSYC 10 | Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences | |
| R-TV 02 | On-Air Personality Development | |
| R-TV 19A | Beginning Video Production | |
| SOC 20 | Introduction to Race and Ethnicity | |
| or SOC 20H | Introduction to Race and Ethnicity - Honors | |
| SOC 23 | Introduction to Statistics in Sociology and Social Sciences | |
| SPCH 20 | Argumentation and Debate | |
| or SPCH 20H | Argumentation and Debate - Honors | |
| SPCH 30 | Introduction to Communication Theory | |
| or SPCH 30H | Introduction to Communication Theory - Honors | |
| Total Units for Major | | 18-21 |
| CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern ¹ | | 39-42 |
| Total Units | | 60 |

¹ Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC

Journalism Website (<http://mtsac.edu/elj/journ/aatdegree.html>)

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will:

- Critically and ethically evaluate and apply functions of the mass media.
- Create and/or analyze content in diverse settings.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.