

JOURNALISM (AA-T DEGREE A0400)

Humanities and Social Science Division

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
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	
ENGL 1C	Critical Thinking and Writing	
or ENGL 1CH	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
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	
SPCH 20	Argumentation and Debate	
or SPCH 20H	Argumentation and Debate - Honors	
Total Units for Major		18-19
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>)

Guided Pathways of Study Suggested Course Sequence (<https://www.mtsac.edu/guided-pathways/pathway-results.html?pthwyvar=A0400&desc=Journalism%2C+AA-T+A0400+CSU>)

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.