

Moorpark College

Associate in Arts in Journalism (AA-T)

Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer Degree (AA-T in Journalism) adheres to SB 1440 and is created to offer an additional transfer pathway for potential CSU transfer students as it will help students focus on lower division major preparation courses and supports them as they move toward their transfer goal. Students who complete this transfer degree will satisfy lower division general education and major requirements for transfer as Journalism, Mass Communication, Public Relations, Advertising, or a major deemed similar, at a CSU campus.

Students who complete Journalism courses will be able to critically analyze mass media in the context of culture and ethics. Journalism majors will also be able to report and factually represent events and trends in society through publication in multiple platforms using skills necessary in today's media companies.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- 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.

Catalog Description

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](#) 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:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requirements.
 - b. The required coursework for the AA-T in Journalism degree as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.

2. Complete all courses in the major and the Cal-GETC with a grade of “C” or better or “Pass/Credit” if the course is taken on a "pass-no-pass" basis. Even though a “Pass/Credit” grade is allowed, it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C). **Note:** the UC system allows a maximum of 14 semester (21 quarter) units of courses graded "Pass/Credit" toward the 60 transferable semester units required for transfer admission.
3. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA 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.
4. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units within the Ventura County Community College District.

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
REQUIRED CORE: Complete three courses (9 units)		
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 from LIST B		6
Total Units for Major		18 - 19
LIST A: Select 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

LIST B - Select and complete two courses (6-7 units)		
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4
or STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors	
or PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
or SOC M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
ECON M201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
COMM M107	Argumentation and Debate	3
DES M127	Digital Layout	3
ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
or ENGL C1001H	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
POLS M02	Comparative Politics	3
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
or POLS C1000H	American Government and Politics - Honors	
PHIL M07	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL M09	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
Any CSU transferable course(s) that are articulated as lower division major preparation for the Journalism major at a CSU campus (not completed under LIST A)		
Any GE course from two different Areas within 1A-4		
Total Units for Major		18-20
General Education (Cal-GETC)		34
Double-Counted Units		3-9
Elective Units		9-17
Total Units for the AA-T Degree		60