

ENGLISH ASSOCIATE OF ARTS TRANSFER DEGREE

English is the study and production of writing in English, especially literature. The elements and structures of fiction, poetry, drama and the essay are studied. The ethnic, cultural, social, economic and historical foundations of literary works are analyzed as well as their influences on the creation and reception of those works. Finally, there is a strong emphasis in writing for a variety of purposes, audiences, and effects. The study of English prepares a student for further study in Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism and other closely related fields. In addition, the skills and abilities cultivated by the study of English are excellent preparation for any field which requires wide literacy and solid writing ability, including teaching/education, advertising, law, public relations, and work in the media.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in English (or associated disciplines such as Comparative Literature, Journalism or Creative Writing) should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements because additional courses may be required at some institutions or they may require you to take specific courses. In addition, the department recommends that students take at least 2 semesters of a foreign language as many 4-year institutions have foreign language requirements for their BA in English.

Completion of CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC for CSU is required in addition to the major requirements listed below.

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 (AS-T) 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 a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T 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). 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.

To earn this AA-T degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- completion of the following major requirements with grades of C or better
- completion of a minimum of 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
- certified completion of the CSU General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE), which requires a minimum of 39 units. Completing courses prior to transfer that satisfy the U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals requirement as part of CSU GE is highly recommended.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in English should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (7 Units)		
ENGL 102	Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking	4
or ENGL 102H	Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking - Honors	
ENGL 151	Freshman Composition and Literature ¹	3
or ENGL 151H	Freshman Composition and Literature - Honors	
List A - Select two of the following:		
ENGL 260	American Literature to Mid 19th Century	3
ENGL 261	American Literature From 1865 to Present	3
ENGL 270	English Literature: Middle Ages to 18th Century ²	3
or ENGL 270H	English Literature: Middle Ages to 18th Century - Honors	
ENGL 271	English Literature: 18th Century to Present ²	3
or ENGL 271H	English Literature: 18th Century to Present - Honors	
ENGL 280	World Literature: to 17th Century	3
ENGL 281	World Literature: 17th Century To Present	3
List B - Select one of the following or any course from Lists A or B not used above:		
ENGL 163	Chicano Literature	3
ENGL 165	African-American Literature	3
ENGL 232	Creative Writing	3
List C - Select one of the following or any course not used from Lists A or B:		
ANTHRO 125	Language and Culture	3
ENGL 122	Journalism Production: Introduction	3
ENGL 123	Journalism Production: Intermediate	3
ENGL 125	Literary Magazine Production	3
ENGL 140	Exploring the World of Science Fiction	3
ENGL 141	Mystery and Detective Fiction	3
ENGL 153	Literature and Film	3
ENGL 155	Children's Literature	3
ENGL 161	Women Writers	3
ENGL 175	The Literature and Religion of the Bible	3
or RELIG 175	The Literature and Religion of the Bible	
ENGL 275	Shakespeare	3

² The ENGL 270/ENGL 271 sequence is required by CSU San Bernardino for those transferring as English majors.

Code	Title	Units
Major Total		19
General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units		37-39
Elective (CSU Transferable) Units		8-13
Total Units		60

See Section on Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Information for additional information on the Associate Degrees for Transfer.

To earn an SBVC Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) students must complete one of the following general education patterns:

CSU GE requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/csuge/>)

IGETC requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/igetc/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Write clear, organized, well-supported prose for a number of purposes and audiences, including research essays that demonstrate mastery of the conventions of MLA citation format
- Identify the elements of fiction, poetry, drama and the essay analyze and evaluate their employment in a wide range of literary works
- Appreciate the ethnic, cultural, social economic and historical foundation of literary works and understand and evaluate their influences on the writing and reception of those works