

# JOURNALISM FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) degree in Journalism prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and for eventual careers in mass media. Students learn the major theories and processes within the areas of writing, photography and publication design. Course offerings include journalism practice and theory, English, photography, communication studies, and computer skills.

The program is suited to the needs of students who will complete their education at Chaffey College with an associate degree, as well as those students who will complete their Chaffey associate degree and then transfer to a four-year institution to complete their bachelor's degree. Successful completion of the Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer guarantees the student acceptance to a California State University (but does not guarantee acceptance to a particular campus or major) to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

## CAREER AT A GLANCE:

### HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy investigating
- You enjoy analyzing and interpreting news and information
- You like to write
- You enjoy reviewing and correcting errors in content, grammar, and punctuation
- You like to follow instructions and formatting guidelines
- You enjoy gathering information about events through research, interviews, experiences
- You like to attend political, news, sports, artistic, social, or other functions
- You enjoy establishing and maintaining relationships with individuals who are credible sources of information

*Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.*

### WHERE CAN I WORK?

Newspapers	Radio/TV Broadcasting
Film and Video Industries	Social Media Companies
Book Publishers	Online News
Fashion and Sports Agencies	Schools and Colleges
Movie Sets	Publication Offices
Local Government	Small Businesses
County Offices	Entertainment Companies

*For more information visit: [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides)*

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking introductory journalism courses
- Apply for entry level positions in reception, data entry, or customer service with employers where you would like to promote
- Job shadow and network with journalism professionals
- Update resume to include written projects
- Practice public speaking skills
- Volunteer and attend events with employers where you would like to work
- Participate in campus clubs and publications
- Attend university tours and visit the Transfer Center to decide where you want to transfer

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Social Media Assistant	\$30,510
Information Clerk	\$30,510
Blogger	\$74,280
Freelance Writer	\$74,280
Photojournalist	\$40,040
Receptionist	\$30,510
Public Address Announcer	\$29,900
Media Worker	\$52,920
Recreation Leader	\$27,290

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Broadcast News Analyst	\$57,760
Editor	\$68,050
Reporter	\$44,510
Correspondent	\$44,510
Writer	\$57,760
Anchor	\$57,760
Content Director	\$57,760
News Director	\$57,760
Radio News Anchor	\$57,760
Radio Talk Show Host	\$57,760

*For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit*

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org).

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

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**MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

To obtain the Journalism AA-T Degree, students must:

- Complete all major requirements listed below with grades of C or better in each course.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework.
- Complete 60 semester CSU-transferable units using the California State Univ.-G.E. (CSU-GE) **OR** the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

**LEGEND:** G=Grade    IP=In Progress    N=Need    **Bold: Prerequisites**    Plain Text: No Prerequisites

**Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree:**

		GRADE	IP	NEED	UNITS
COMSTD 12	Mass Communication and Society				3
<b>JOUR 10</b>	<b>Newswriting</b>				3
<b>JOUR 30</b>	<b>Student Media Practicum I</b>				3

**List A: Plus one course from the following:**

		GRADE	IP	NEED	UNITS
<b>JOUR 11</b>	<b>Multimedia Reporting</b>				3
<b>JOUR 31</b>	<b>Student Media Practicum II</b>				3

**List B: Plus two courses from the following:**

		GRADE	IP	NEED	UNITS
<b>COMSTD 8</b>	<b>Fundamentals of Speech Communication</b>				3
<b>COMSTD 72</b>	<b>Logic and Argumentation</b>				3
<b>ECON 2</b>	<b>Principles of Macroeconomics (or ECON-4, Principles of Microeconomics)</b>				3
<b>ENGL 1B</b>	<b>Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking</b>				3
<b>PHIL 75</b>	<b>Symbolic Logic</b>				3
PHOTO 10	Beginning Photography				4
PS 1	American Politics				3
PS 10	Comparative Politics				3
STAT 10	Elementary Statistics (or SCSCI-10, Statistics for Social Science)				4

**Units for the Major: 18-20 units**

	IGETC	CSU
General Education	37	39
Total units that may be double counted	9	9
Elective (CSU transferable) units	12-14	10-12
	60	60

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>COUNSELOR NOTES:</b>

\$46 per unit for CA residents
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