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Student ID _____



**Career/Transfer Center
Associate in Art for Transfer Degree
Journalism
2021-2022**

The mission of the Journalism Program is to instill an appreciation of the mass media, including free speech/free press provisions of the First Amendment, both as consumers and as potential practitioners. Students will demonstrate a wide breadth and depth of understanding of mass media theories, methods and concepts. This mission includes training students as future practitioners, using hands-on laboratories, producing various stories for publication and conducting interviews. We also promote an understanding of ethical and legal implications of media and the importance of cultural and intellectual diversity, civic engagement and social responsibility in preparing students for careers in journalism. The goals and objectives of the Valley College Journalism Program include the preparation of majors for an Associate in Arts Degree in Journalism for Transfer. Students completing the Associate in AA-T in Journalism for Transfer degree will have satisfied the lower division major preparation at most CSUs in Journalism, Mass Communications, Public Relations and Advertising.

Academic Plan Code: V033572G

Degree Requirements: 60 CSU transferable units with a 2.0 GPA. Major courses must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" (or "P"). Completion of CSU GE or IGETC is required. *Complete additional CSU units, if needed, to reach 60 CSU transferable units.*

| Required Core: (15 units) | | C | IP | N |
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| JOURNAL 105 | Mass Communications (3) | | | |
| JOURNAL 101 | Collecting and Writing the News (3) | | | |
| JOURNAL 218-1* | Practical Editing I (3) | | | |
| JOURNAL 202 | Advanced Newswriting (3) | | | |
| PHOTO 101 | Beginning Digital Photography (3) | | | |

| LIST A: Select one course from the following (3 units) | C | IP | N |
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| JOURNAL 043 (3), JOURNAL 218-2* (3) Course used: _____ | | | |

**This course has a prerequisite or a corequisite.*

Total units required for major: 18 + Required General Education units: 39-41 + Required transferable elective units: 1-3
= Total transferable units required: 60

| General Education: Full completion of GE required* | C | IP | N |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CSU GE Breadth or <input type="checkbox"/> IGETC <i>Note: In addition to major requirement, students need to select a General Education pattern. Major courses may be double counted towards general education.</i> | | | |

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C=completed IP=in progress N=need

*Follow [CSU General Education Certification \(CSUGE\)](#) if you are applying to the CSUs only.

OR

Follow [Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum \(IGETC\)](#) if you are applying to UCs and CSU.

**If you are applying to a private university, make an appointment with a counselor to discuss major/general education courses.

Why get an Associate Degree for Transfer?

This program guarantees that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree from a California Community College will be admitted to a California State University campus. The campus you will be admitted to depends on several factors, such as the location of your community college, the program of study that a student intends to follow, and a student's competitiveness for admission. This program also provides students with the necessary preparation to transfer to the CSU system and complete a baccalaureate degree.

Students with an AA-T or AS-T degree receive:

- Admission priority
- Guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system
- Complete a baccalaureate degree with only 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) (in a degree program that has been considered similar)

Student Success Checklist

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| By the end of first semester or completion of <u>15 units</u> | Schedule an appointment with a counselor to create Comprehensive Student Education Plan Confirm your major or Career and Pathway by participating in career exploration activities Complete all units in good standing |
| By the end of second semester or completion of <u>30 units</u> | Complete transfer-level English and Math Attend college fairs and other transfer events Meet with a counselor to update your Student Education Plan and review progress |
| By the end of third semester or completion of <u>45 units</u> | Meet with a counselor for graduation/transfer check Apply to transfer to a 4-year university <u>one year</u> in advance Attend transfer workshops, and university representative visits |
| By the end of fourth semester or completion of <u>60 units</u> | Verify you have met all AD-T requirements Complete Pre-Graduation Evaluation with a counselor Check that you submitted all required documents for the CSU/UC application |

[AD-T Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)