Associate in Arts in History for Transfer (AA-T)

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer (AA-T in History) is designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU institution for students who plan to transfer and complete a CSU major or baccalaureate degree in History. California Community College students who are awarded an Associate in Arts in History for Transfer (AA-T in History) are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU institution or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or institutions.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer in History provides students the opportunity to cultivate a broad perspective on history. The program is designed to stimulate appreciation for, and understanding of historical and cultural trends, and knowledge of key figures and events. The program is also designed to facilitate learning in such a way to allow students to make connections to modern institutions and ideas, patterns of change and progress, and encourage an interest in the 21st century world. Students will also refine their cognitive and analytical faculties through studying historical works, researching historical subjects, and writing using primary and secondary sources. Critical thinking skills and historical understanding through these courses provide a framework for lifelong study in the history and the humanities areas and offers students a breadth of knowledge that could be focused into single discipline degrees as well as applied to an interdisciplinary degree.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify major historical issues.
- Students will identify the main participants in historical events of the culture under study.
- Students will analyze major historical events either verbally or in writing.
- Students will define and be able to compare and contrast key historical issues and cultural assumptions.
- Students will become familiar with values of different cultures and societies and learn to appreciate them.

Career/Transfer Opportunities:

The program is intended for students who are considering transfer but have not decided on a major; students who are required to complete a degree for job promotion; or students who may wish to further their education and are considering a major that is interdisciplinary in focus.

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

1. Completion of the following major courses with grades of C or better
2. Completion of a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
3. Certified completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU GE-B) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Note: Completing courses that satisfy CSU’s U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals requirement prior to transfer is highly recommended.