



University Transfer Center

## Transfer Associate Degree FAQ's

SB 1440- Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR)

### What is a Transfer Associate Degree?

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) have been developed for California Community College students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a California State University (CSU) campus. The degrees are designed to help students prepare for transfer while also earning an associate degree.

### Does the Transfer Degree GUARANTEE admission to a specific CSU?

The AA-T/AS-T degree **DOES NOT** guarantee admission to a **SPECIFIC** CSU or major, **ONLY** to the CSU system. Transfer associate (AA/AS-T) degree applicants are guaranteed priority admission over all other transfer students when applying to a local or non-impacted campus. So, all they need to complete is the minimum CSU Admission Requirements to get in (i.e. 2.0 transfer G.P.A., 30 CSU transferrable units, Speech, English, Critical Thinking, and Math Completed, etc.) Students applying to an impacted major get a G.P.A. increase of .10. Students applying to an impacted program at a non-impacted campus, get a G.P.A. increase of a .20. Students should check out the Cal State website for updated list of impacted campuses and programs at <http://calstate.edu/sas/impactioninfo.shtml>.

### What is the benefit to completing an AA-T/AS-T?

Aside from having a guarantee into the CSU system, by completing an AA-T/AS-T a student will only be required to complete 60 additional prescribed semester units (or 90 quarter units) to qualify for the similar baccalaureate (BA/BS) degree. Students that complete an associate degree for transfer are also given:

- Consideration for both impacted and non-impacted campuses/programs
- Consideration for local admissions
- GPA bonus for impacted campuses/majors
- Even if the student changes majors at the CSU, and becomes ineligible to continue on with the SB1440 program there, they still will have a completed associate degree posted on their AHC transcript.

### What if I complete an AA-T/AS-T at Allan Hancock College (AHC) and then change my major at the CSU?

The AA-T or AS-T only works with majors that are "similar" at the CSU level. If a student changes his or her major, the agreement with the CSU to finish the degree with no more than 60 units will no longer apply. Consult with a counselor for more information on planned degrees. Check [www.adgreewithaguarantee.org](http://www.adgreewithaguarantee.org) for an updated list of similar majors by CSU.

### What if I only apply to CSU's that are impacted and then I don't get in?

Students are encouraged to apply to at least one CSU that isn't currently impacted at the upper-division transfer level. If a student just applies to a CSU or CSU's that are impacted and they don't get in to any of them, then their admission application will be redirected to the closest CSU geographically to the student, that is still accepting admissions applications, and has their same similar major (not necessarily a similar concentration though). Students will then be contacted by the CSU that their admission application has been redirected to and will be informed of what their next steps for admission will be. Students should check out the Cal State website for updated list of impacted campuses and programs at <http://calstate.edu/sas/impactioninfo.shtml>

### What Transfer Degrees are offered at AHC?

Currently there are 16 transfer degrees offered at AHC. The sixteen degrees are: **AS-T Administration of Justice, AA-T Anthropology, AS-T Business Administration, AA-T Communication Studies, AS-T Early Childhood**



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**Education, AA-T Elementary Teacher Education, AA-T English, AA-T History, AA-T Kinesiology, AS-T Mathematics, AS-T Physics, AA-T Political Science, AA-T Psychology, AA-T Sociology, AA-T Spanish and AA-T Studio Arts.** More degrees are continuing to be developed each semester. Check out <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/transferdegrees/index.php> for a list of updated ADT's offered by AHC. Check out [www.adgreewithaguarantee.org](http://www.adgreewithaguarantee.org) for an updated list of ADT's offered by all community colleges.

### **What are the requirements to earn an AA-T/AS-T?**

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable units
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an AA-T or AS-T major. See the AHC catalog for more details on specific degrees offered. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is on a "pass/no-pass" basis.
4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern for CSU.
5. Students who complete an AA-T/AS-T degree WILL NOT be held to local AHC graduation requirements.
6. There can be no substitutions or course waivers for classes listed in the major for the degree.

### **I am interested in earning an AA-T and/or AS-T, what should I do?**

A student who is interested in earning an AA-T/AS-T should set up an appointment to talk with a counselor as soon as possible to set up a Student Education Plan (SEP). It's important that you begin planning early on and find out which CSU campuses offer a similar degree which has been approved. See [www.adgreewithaguarantee.org](http://www.adgreewithaguarantee.org) for a list of CSU major options by campus.

### **How do I indicate that I want to complete an AA-T and/or AS-T?**

Students who are planning to complete a transfer degree should indicate their intention to earn an AA-T/AS-T when completing the CSU online application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). The student will then receive further information through email correspondence from the CSU campuses on what their next steps should be (i.e. setting up their student portal, sending official transcripts, etc.). It will be the student's responsibility to meet with a counselor to complete the Application for the appropriate Associate Degree in Transfer their last semester of coursework prior to transfer. The student should complete this petition by the appropriate deadline set by the Chancellor's Office, and advertised in our AHC Catalog every year.

### **How will the CSU's that I applied to find out that I have completed by AA-T and/or AS-T?**

After students submit their application for their Associate Degree in Transfer to the Admissions and Records Office, AHC Evaluators then log onto their online Associate Degree in Transfer system (eVerify) and verify that the student will or will not be receiving their Associate Degree in Transfer by the end of their last semester of coursework prior to transfer. Students who are not in the online verification system, because either they didn't list on their CSU admission that they were receiving an Associate Degree in Transfer or if they were dropped from the list by the CSU because their major didn't match up to a similar major at the CSU, will be mailed a hardcopy of the ADT Verification form by Admissions and Records. These students will be responsible for submitting a copy of this ADT verification form to all the CSU's that they applied to. The student will submit their final official transcript to the CSU that they plan to transfer to by the deadline established by that CSU to verify that they have finished their Associate Degree in Transfer and it has been posted on their transcript by our Admissions and Records Office.

For more information see a counselor or visit [www.adgreewithaguarantee.org](http://www.adgreewithaguarantee.org) or [www.calstate.edu/transfer/](http://www.calstate.edu/transfer/) or <http://www.hancockcollege.edu/transferdegrees/index.php>

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