



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2014-2015

JOURNALISM

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

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 in Journalism for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree 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 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

This degree is designed to offer students an opportunity for learning writing techniques that can be applied to commercial publications and to photojournalism. Journalism students become involved in production of the student newspaper, *The Monitor*, in both print and online formats. This award-winning publication presents the opportunity to write, edit, design, and finally prepare a publication for distribution throughout the college community. Upon completion of this degree, students will be on course for transfer and for eventual careers in print, online, or broadcast journalism.

Requirements for Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree:

- a) Complete all Major Field and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.
- b) Complete CSU GE (Plan B) or IGETC (Plan C) requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.
- c) Complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- d) Complete a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- e) Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the Journalism major.
- f) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Compose a news or feature story or photograph for publication.
2. Arrange and conduct interviews with sources.

3. Describe the role of journalism in our form of democracy.
4. Understand and apply ethical journalism.
5. Analyze internet journalism sites and evaluate them for content.
6. Identify sources for feature and news stories.

MAJOR FIELD

JOUR- 101A	Newswriting	3
JOUR-155	Mass Media and Society	3
JOUR-172	Newspaper Writing and Editing Staff	<u>3</u>
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SUPPORTING COURSES

BRDC-145	Internet Television OR	3
COMM-108	Visual Communication	<u>3</u>
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Complete two courses from the following:

ART-139A	Beginning Digital Photography	3
COMM-100	Introduction to Communication Theory	3
ENGL-101C	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
ENGL-106	Censorship and Literature	3
MATH-159	Introduction to Statistics	5
PS-102	American Government	<u>3</u>
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Total Required Units: 18-20