

## **Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer**

The Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer prepares students to practice and champion freedom of the press on their journey to a four-year degree at a California State University. They will learn to gather, interpret, report, edit and present news and information with skill, responsibility, ethics, courage and social consciousness in an evolving media world. Career options for this field of study include reporter, columnist, copy editor, photojournalist, videographer, news designer, editor for the print, broadcast and online news and information media; public information officer; advertising copywriter; public relations professional.

The Journalism AA-T requires 18 units of lower division work in Journalism and supporting electives, in addition to the California State University General Education transfer package of coursework (CSU GE Breadth or IGETC). Major preparation includes courses in Mass Communication, Writing for the Media, Media Production and Photojournalism. Electives supporting the major may be selected from a list of options that includes courses in anthropology, art, economics, English, math, philosophy, political science, sociology and speech (see accompanying requirements listing).

Students completing an AA-T are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. To earn the degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. In addition, students must complete each course used to meet a major requirement with a “C” grade or higher; a “P” (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree.

This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system, or those students who do not intend to transfer.

Students who plan to transfer to a UC, a private college or university, or an out-of-state institution should consult with an academic counselor about the best lower-division preparation for them. Students who plan to look for an entry-level job in journalism or a related field right after earning their degree from LMC should instead complete the regular A.A. in Journalism. Students interested in a more traditional degree in Communication Studies with an emphasis in journalism should also review the Los Medanos College AA-T in Communication Studies.

## **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

### **Required core courses: 9 units**

JOURN-035 (to be renumbered 100) Mass Communication (3 units)

JOURN-110 Writing for the Media (3 units)

JOURN-130 Media Production Practicum I (3 units)

### **List A (courses supporting the core): 3 units**

JOURN-131 Media Production Practicum II (3 units)

JOURN-160 Photojournalism (3 units)

### **List B (electives): 6 units from the following:**

ART-050 Designing with Adobe InDesign (3 units)

ECON-010 Principles of Microeconomics **or** ECON 011 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 units)

ENGL-221 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3 units)

MATH-034 Introduction to Statistics (4 units)

SPCH-120 Argumentation and Debate (3 units)

POLSC-010 Introduction to American Government: Institutions and Ideals **or**

POLSC-020 Introduction to Politics: Institutions and Ideals (3 units)

SOCIO 016 Introduction to Social Problems **or** (3 units)

ANTHR 007 Culture Change and Globalization