

Associate Degrees for Transfer Frequently Asked Questions

What is an AA-T and AS-T Degree?

AA-T and AS-T are acronyms for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees that are designed specifically for transfer to the **California State University System**. The degrees are the results of Senate Bill 1440, a transfer bill that required the California Community Colleges to offer associate degrees for transfer in many of the most popular majors, and for the CSU to provide priority admission to California Community College students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T degree. These degrees can be completed in 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) and include coursework in general education, major preparation, and electives.

How are the AA-T and AS-T degrees different from the associate degrees that community colleges already offer?

Students completing an AA-T or AS-T degree receive priority admission to the CSU system. Students who have completed an AA-T or AS-T and are admitted to a **CSU major that has been deemed similar** are guaranteed admission at junior standing, and the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree with 60 additional semester (or 90 quarter) units. AA-T and AS-T degrees are recognized by both the California Community College and CSU systems as a measure of assurance that students who complete an AA-T or AS-T degree will have the opportunity to transfer to a CSU and complete a baccalaureate degree with 60 additional semester (or 90 quarter) units. AA-T and AS-T degrees are recognized by both the California Community College and CSU systems as a measure of assurance that students who complete an AA-T or AS-T degree will have the opportunity to transfer to a CSU and complete a baccalaureate degree with 60 additional semester (or 90 quarter) units.