



Journalism AA-T Degree - CSU GE Breadth

This degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a CSU. This program is designed to train students in the writing, reporting, and critical thinking skills required for jobs in the news media or to transfer to a four-year institution's journalism program. Other than the required core, the courses you choose to complete will depend to some extent on the selected CSU for transfer. Students wishing to transfer to other non-CSU universities need to meet with a CRC counselor.

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 300 ^Z Newswriting and Reporting	3		F, S	
JOUR 310 ¹ ^Z Mass Media and Society	3		F(O), S(O), Su	CSU Area D
STAT 300 ^Z Introduction to Probability and Statistics	4	MATH 120 or 125	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CSU Area B4
CSU Area A2-Written Communication ^Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CSU Area A2
CSU Area E-Lifelong learning & Self Development ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area E

^Z At least one section of this course is offered with free textbooks and is labeled as zero textbook costs (ZTC). If it is a GE area class or elective, there may be several ZTC offerings to fulfill the GE requirement. Use the Free Textbook filter to find these courses. Learn more on the [ZTC page of the college website](#).

¹ Also listed as RTVF 300.

Semester 2

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 410 ^Z College Media Production I	3	ENGWR 101	F, S	
3 units from List A ¹	3	See List A	See List A	
CSU Area A1-Oral Communication ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area A1
CSU Area C1-Arts ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area C1

Career

Options/Outlook:

There are many different career opportunities in this field. For example, a journalist with advanced degrees collects and analyzes facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation, or observation; reports and writes stories for newspapers, news magazines, radio, or television. Journalists receive assignments or evaluate leads or tips to develop story ideas, research a story's background information to provide complete and accurate information, arrange interviews with people who can provide information about a story, and report news stories for publication or broadcast. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

Journalist, Magazine editor, columnist, public information officer, broadcast news writer, newspaper reporter, editor, desktop publishing specialist, web writer/editor/producer, broadcast news producer, social media producer.

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

540

Projected growth in California (2020-

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CSU Area A3-Critical Thinking¹ ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area A3

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¹ Suggestion-ENGWR 302 from List A.

Year 2

Semester 3

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 411 ^Z College Media Production II or	3	JOUR 410; Advisory: JOUR 300, 355, 404, or PHOTO 302	F, S	
JOUR 351 ^Z Public Relations Writing and Media Techniques	3		S	
CSU Area B1-Physical Science or B2-Life Science ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area B1 or B2
CSU Area B3-Lab ^Z	1		F, S, Su	CSU Area B3
CSU Area C1-Arts or C2-Humanities ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area C1 or C2
3 units from List A¹ ^Z	3		See List A	CSU Area D
Any Transferrable Course²	3		F, S, Su	

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¹ Suggestion-JOUR 320, POLS 301 from List A to meet GE Area D.

² Suggestion-ECON 302 or ECON 304 from List A. They also meet GE Area D. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

2030):

9% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$49,850/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-3022.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Semester 4

13 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CSU Area B1-Physical Science or B2-Life Science (not taken in Semester 3) ^(Z)	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area B1 or B2
CSU Area C2-Humanities ^(Z)	3		F, S, Su	CSU Area C2
CSU Area F-Ethnic Studies ^(Z)	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CSU Area F
Any Transferable Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	
Any Transferable Elective ¹	1		F, S, Su	

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[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

¹ Suggestion-JOUR 351, COMM 363 from List A. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

List A-a minimum of 6 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 320 ^(Z) Race and Gender in the Media	3		F	CSU Area D
COMM 311 ^(Z) Argumentation and Debate	3	ENGWR 300	F, S	CSU Area A3
COMM 363 ^(Z) Introduction to Communication Theory	3	Advisory: ENGWR 101	F(O), S, Su(O)	CSU Area D
ECON 302 ^(Z) Principles of Macroeconomics or	3	MATH 100 or 102	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CSU Area D
ECON 304 ^(Z) Principles of Microeconomics	3	MATH 100 or 102	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CSU Area D
ENGWR 302 ^(Z) Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking	3	ENGWR 300	F(P), S(P), Su(P)	CSU Area A3

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 302 ^Z Beginning Digital Photography	3		F, S	
POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States	3		F(O), S(O), Su	CSU Area D
POLS 302 Comparative Politics	3		S, Su(O)	CSU Area D
STAT 300 ^Z Introduction to Probability and Statistics	4	MATH 120 or 125	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CSU Area B4

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