

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

ENGLISH ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

About the Program

The Associate of Arts in English degree (AA) provides major preparation in English through an introduction to English composition, critical thinking, literature, and creative writing. Please note that the English AA does not guarantee admission to CSU as the English AA-T does. However, like the Associate in Arts in English for Transfer (AA-T), the coursework will prepare students for the critical reading and writing necessary in a variety of fields. The intent of the Associate in Arts in English (AA) is additionally to provide students with an enriched background in a broader, interdisciplinary range of courses that provides more general preparation in reading, writing, critical thinking, humanities, and creative expression. Students may take elective courses in fields as varied as English as a Second Language, French, Humanities, Mass Communications, Spanish, Speech, and Theater Arts. If the student prefers this broader range of preparation to that of the Associate in Arts in English for Transfer (AA-T) but also hopes to enter the English major at the transfer university of his or her choice, it is essential that the student also refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution and consult a counselor. If a student plans to attend the University of California, the AA in English may meet the student's needs just as well. Students should speak to a counselor about their options.

Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate of Arts in English is local program designed to provide students the reading, writing, and thinking skills through a broad, interdisciplinary range of courses that will prepare them for transfer as an English major.

Career Opportunities

The coursework in English prepares students for the critical reading and writing necessary in a variety of fields, including law, education, publishing, business, government, information architecture, writing, nonprofit development and fundraising, and many more. Research and feedback from San Francisco Bay Area employers show that employees who can write well and think clearly are a valued commodity in the workforce.

Program Outcomes

- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to analyze an author's use of literary techniques to develop a theme.
- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to identify and evaluate implied arguments in college-level literary texts.
- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to recognize, appreciate, and compare the similarities and differences between authors, characters and self that stem from historical era and cultural tradition.
- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to use grammar, vocabulary and style appropriate for academic essays.
- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to write a research paper using credible sources and correct documentation.
- Upon completion of the AA in English, students are able to write an academic essay synthesizing multiple texts and using logic to support a thesis.

Required Core: (15-16 Units)

ENG 1A Critical Reading and Composition or	3
ENG 1AEX Critical Reading and Composition Expanded.....	4
ENG 4 Critical Thinking and Writing about Literature.....	3
ENG 7 Critical Thinking and Writing Across Disciplines.....	3
ENG 35 Modern American Literature.....	3
ENG 41 Modern World Literature.....	3

List A: Select Two (6-12 Units)

CMST 5 Readers Theater.....	3
ENG 11 Introduction to Creative Writing.....	3
ENG 12A Craft of Writing Fiction.....	3
ENG 12B Craft of Writing Fiction: Intermediate.....	3
ENG 12C Craft of Writing Fiction: Advanced.....	3
ENG 13A The Craft of Writing Poetry: Beginning.....	3
ENG 13B The Craft of Writing Poetry: Intermediate.....	3
ENG 19A Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing A or	3
JAMS 19A Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing A.....	3
ENG 19B Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing B or	3
JAMS 19B Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing B.....	3
ENG 20 Studies in Shakespeare.....	3
ENG 32 U.S. Women's Literature.....	3
ENG 42 Literature of the African Diaspora in America.....	3
ENG 44 Literature of the American West.....	3
ENG 45 Studies in Fiction.....	3
ESL 24 Advanced Reading and Composition I.....	6
ESL 25 Advanced Reading and Composition II.....	6
ESL 26 Advanced Editing.....	3
HUMN 28 World Mythology.....	3
JAMS 11 Introduction to Reporting and Newswriting.....	3
THEA 4 Modern American Theater.....	3
THEA 11 Stage to Screen.....	3
THEA 14 Bay Area Theater.....	3

Total Units for the Major..... 21-28

Additional General Education and Elective Units..... 32-39