

ENGLISH

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.

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.

Learning and Career Pathway Maps

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Required Core: (15-16 Units)

Prefix #	Title	Units
ENG 1A	Critical Reading and Composition	3
	or	
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)

Prefix #	Title	Units
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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	3
	or	
JAMS 19A	Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing A	3
ENG 19B	Journal of Arts, Literature, and Academic Writing B	3
	or	
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

The Associate Degree is conferred upon those students who complete the required 60 or more semester units of the degree pattern with a grade-point average of 2.0 or better, of which 12 units must be earned at Las Positas College. In addition, students must complete a General Education pattern in order to earn a degree: see the Las Positas College General Education Pattern for Associate of Arts (AA) Degree, California State University General Education-Breadth, or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (for CSU) patterns for listing of areas and courses. Double counting courses in GE and the major is permissible. The number of units that may be double counted will depend on the entry point to the degree program, the optional course(s) taken, and the GE pattern selected. Elective units are degree applicable. Consult with an adviser or a counselor to plan the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.