

# ENGLISH

## Transfer Degree

The English AA-T degree is dedicated to helping students become life-long learners and to fostering the values of rigorous investigation, open-mindedness, collaboration, self-understanding, and respect for knowledge. The English degree develops critical thinking skills through the study of persuasive argumentation, creative writing, and critical analysis of literature. Courses offer a varied perspective on the world, guiding students in literary and rhetorical investigation from a number of critical approaches, including sociological, historical, and psychological, among others. In addition to building a passion for literature, the degree will provide students with higher skills in written communication. By mastering the methods of written responses to literature, students will enter a wide variety of careers (including teaching, writing, editing, public relations, marketing, and law) better able to communicate and persuade.

In addition to providing students with knowledge in the field of English language and literature, students completing the AA-T degree in English will be able to transfer to the California State University system. More information can be found on page 49. Students are strongly encouraged to see a counselor if considering this transfer option.

### *Student Learning Outcomes for this major are:*

- Recognize, understand, and apply the rhetorical strategies of argumentation.
- Identify and implement the artistic principles of fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction.
- Interpret literature in its historical and cultural context.
- Recognize the basic principles, varied approaches, and history of literary criticism.
- Analyze and evaluate creative and argumentative writing through the application of the principles of complex critical analysis.

To obtain the Associate in Arts for Transfer degree in English, students must complete the following requirements with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0:

- The English AA-T major requirements below, completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- The California State University General Education – Breadth (CSU-GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements.
- Any needed transferable electives to reach a total of 90 CSU transferable quarter units.

### **A. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

See pages 56-57 for details.

### **B. REQUIRED COURSES**

**33 units distributed as follows:**

#### **1. Both courses from the following (9 units):**

- ENG 102 Introduction to Literature
- ENG 103 Critical Reasoning: Writing the Research Paper

#### **2. Select three of the following (12 units):**

- ENG 200 Masterpieces of the Ancient and Medieval Worlds
- ENG 201 Masterpieces of the Renaissance and Modern World
- ENG 202 Masterpieces of the Modern World
- ENG 212 English Literature I: From Beowulf's Monsters to Milton's Paradise
- ENG 213 English Literature II: From Swift's Satire to the Passions of the Romantics
- ENG 214 English Literature III: Victorian Values and Modern Masterpieces
- ENG 215 American Literature I: Culture, Rhetoric, and Beauty in Early America
- ENG 216 American Literature II: Fertile Ground for Transcendent Voices
- ENG 217 American Literature III: Reality and Truth in Twentieth Century America

#### **3. Select one of the following (4 units):**

- ENG 207 Introduction to Creative Writing
  - ENG 208A Fiction Writing
  - ENG 209 Creative Writing: Poetry
  - ENG 211 Creative Nonfiction
- Any course not already selected in Area B.2.

#### **4. Select two of the following (8 units):**

- ENG 108 Women in Literature
  - ENG 113 Introduction to Shakespeare
  - ENG 205 Introduction to Poetry
  - ENG 206 The Short Story
  - ENG 218 Literature into Film
  - ENG 221 Literature of Nature
- Any course not already selected in Area B.2. or B.3.

### **C. ELECTIVE UNITS to bring the total to 90.**