

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

Title of Item: De Anza College Associate Degrees for Transfer & State Approval

Background and Analysis:

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer”, a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated “high-unit” major).

De Anza College seeks Board approval for application to the State Chancellor's Office for two new degrees developed based on Transfer Model Curriculum in order to ensure compliance with SB1440 Legislation. The following applications are being made for state approval:

Communication Studies – Associate Degree for Transfer
Mathematics– Associate Degree for Transfer

De Anza's Curriculum Committee has approved these Associate Degrees for Transfer.

Recommendation:

De Anza President Brian Murphy recommends approval

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Is backup provided?	Yes

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Associate Degree in Communication Studies for Transfer (Communication Studies – AA-T)

Catalog Description

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Students will learn and understand the various theoretical and applied skills that enable them to navigate social interaction within multiple interpersonal, small group, public, and intercultural contexts. Students will become familiar with and practice effective oral, listening, and critical thinking skills needed to effectively manage communicative interactions in diverse social settings.

Program Requirements: 28 Total Units

Course Title (quarter units)	Course ID	Units
Required Core:		
Public Speaking (SPCH 1) or Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SPCH 10)	SPCH 1 or SPCH 10	4
Critical Decision-Making in Groups (SPCH 15)	SPCH 15	4
Interpersonal Comm (SPCH 16)	SPCH 16	4
Argumentation and Critical Inquiry in Oral Comm. (SPCH 8)	SPCH 8	4
Intercultural Comm. (SPCH 7)	SPCH 7	4
Effective Organizational Comm.(SPCH 70)	SPCH 70	4
Mass Comm. (JOUR 2)	JOUR 2	4

Total Quarter Units = 28

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Associate Degree in Mathematics for Transfer (Mathematics – AS-T)

Catalog Description

The role of mathematics is vital and growing, providing solutions to problems in a wide range of sciences: social, biological, physical, behavioral, and management. As a whole, mathematics is necessary for understanding and expressing ideas in science, engineering, and human affairs. Mathematics is integrally related to computer science and statistics, which have proven invaluable to advancing research and modern industrial technology. The Mathematics curriculum academically prepares the student to transfer to a 4-year university to complete a Baccalaureate degree in a similar major.

The major requirements for the AS-T option align with the intersegmental Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) for Mathematics.

The AS-T option complies with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749, effective Fall 2011). The law states that students will have guaranteed admission to a California State University (CSU) campus upon successful completion of the specified program requirements. This option is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students should consult with a counselor to determine whether this degree is the best option for their transfer goals.

Program Requirements: 30 Total Units

Math 1A	Calculus I	5
Math 1B	Calculus II	5
Math 1C	Calculus III	5
Math 1D	Calculus IV (Multivariable Calculus)	5
Math 2A	Differentiable Equations	5
Math 2B	Linear Algebra	5
Total Quarter Units =		30