

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: August 27, 2012

Title of Item: Approval of Associate in Arts Degree in Sociology for Transfer

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 a new degree developed based on Transfer Model Curriculum in order to fulfill the requirements set forth in SB1440 Legislation. The following application is being made for state approval:

Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer (AA-T)

De Anza's Curriculum Committee has approved this Associate Degree for Transfer.

Recommendation: De Anza President Brian Murphy recommends approval

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Is backup provided?	Yes

Development Criteria Narrative Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer

Criteria A: Appropriateness to Mission

1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Sociology 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.

This degree will prepare students to pursue further study and achievement of a baccalaureate degree in the discipline of Sociology. Students in this major should be able to utilize a sociological imagination to understand and analyze social processes and social problems.

2. Catalog Description

The Sociology major consists of courses appropriate for an Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer degree, which provides a foundational understanding of the discipline, a breadth of coursework in the discipline, and preparation for transfer to any CSU that accepts the Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC).

Upon completion of this degree, students will be able to:

1. Apply the sociological imagination to analyze and evaluate real world situations and problems.
2. Demonstrate the above capacity (outcome 1) in written or oral communication.

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To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- completion of the following major requirements with grades of C or better;
- completion of 90 CSU-transferable quarter units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
- certified completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

3. Program Requirements

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Course Title (quarter units)	Quarter Units
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1)	4
List A: (Required)	
Social Problems (SOC 20)	4
Basic Statistics and Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOC 15)	4
List B: (Any 3)	
Marriage, Family and Intimate Relationships (SOC 15)	4
Sociology of Women and Men (SOC 28)	4
Race, Ethnicity and Inequality (ICS 4)	4
Crime, Correction and Society (SOC 50)	4
Introduction to Social Psychology (PSYC 8)	4
List C: (Any 1)	
Sociology of Religion (SOC 8)	4
Law and Social Change (SOC 25)	4
Women in Crime (SOC 51)	4
Youth and the Law (SOC 54)	4
Crime and Criminology (SOC 73)	4
TOTAL	28

Total units for the Major:

28

CSU GE or IGETC Pattern:

47-61

Transferable Electives

(as needed to reach 90 transferable units)

DEGREE TOTAL:

90 QUARTER Units

4. Background and Rationale

Faculty in the Sociology Department at De Anza, reviewed the *Sociology* TMC and faculty convened over several meetings and discussed the merits of creating a transfer degree with this model. It was decided that the TMC option would provide an additional option to students with this major who would earn this degree and want to transfer into the major at a CSU in the future.

Criteria B: Need

6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs

The Sociology department does not offer any other degrees or certificates. This will be our first such program at De Anza College.

Criteria C: Curriculum Standards

TMC Sociology template, course outlines, and transfer applicability reports are included as part of this application.

Criteria D: Adequate Resources

There are adequate resources currently available with regards to facilities and equipment and library resources. There are enough faculty within the *Sociology* discipline to support the classes offered in this degree program.

Criteria E: Compliance

There are no enrollment restrictions specific to this program. There are no licensing or accrediting standards that apply to this program.