

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** January 7, 2013

**Title of Item:** De Anza College Associate Degree 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 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 English (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 English for Transfer

#### Criteria A: Appropriateness to Mission

##### 1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in English for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in English 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 English. The English major at De Anza College offers students the opportunity to study language, literature, creative writing and composition; to deepen their critical thinking, communication skills and aesthetic awareness; and to become effective communicators and broadly literate members of the community.

##### 2. Catalog Description

The English major consists of courses appropriate for an Associate in Arts in English 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:

- Demonstrate awareness of diverse social, critical, historical and cultural perspectives by reading and responding to a range of literary texts
  - Analyze texts representing a wide range of genres including poetry, drama, fiction, and film
  - Identify and make relevant connections between texts of various historical periods
  - Write well developed and effectively organized essays including in-class essays, interpretive arguments, and essays incorporating research
  - Synthesize historical, formal, and critical ideas in interpreting a text
- Include the student learning outcomes for this degree here.

The Associate in Arts in English for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in English, English Literature or Creative Writing 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 (semester) 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.

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

- completion of the following major requirements with grades of C or better;
- completion of a minimum 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

#### **De Anza College Associate in Arts in English for Transfer**

<b>Required Core (Option 1):</b>		<b>Units</b>
Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking	EWRT 2	5
<b>And</b>		
Literature and Composition	EWRT 1C	5
<b>Required Core (Option 2):</b>		
Reading, Writing and Research	EWRT 1B	5
<b>Additional Required Course (Options 1 and 2):</b> <b>Choose three courses</b> (a minimum of 12 units) from <b>List A:</b>		
Major American Writers (Colonial and Romantic, (1620-1855)	ELIT 48A	4
Major American Writers (The advent of realism, 1855-1920)	ELIT 48B	4
Major American Writers (The Modern Age, 1914-the present)	ELIT 48C	4
Major British Writers (Medieval and Renaissance)	ELIT 46A	4
Major British Writers (Neo-Classical and Romantic)	ELIT 46B	4
Major British Writers (Victorian and Modern)	ELIT 46C	4

<b>If Option 1 selected for core:</b> Choose <u>one</u> course (minimum 4 units) from List B.		
<b>If Option 2 selected for core:</b> Choose <u>two</u> courses (minimum 8 units) from List B.		
<b>List B:</b>		
Any course from List A not used above.		
Women in Literature	ELIT/WMST 21	4
Asian American Literature	ELIT/ICS 24	4
Introduction to Linguistics	ELIT 25/LING 1	4
Contemporary Literature	ELIT 39	4
Major Authors	ELIT 20	4
Mythology and Folklore	ELIT 22	4
International Literature	ELIT 44	4
Children's Literature	ELIT/EDUC 58	4
Introduction to Creative Writing	EWRT 30	4
Fiction Writing	EWRT 40	4
Poetry Writing	EWRT 41	4
<b>Electives (Options 1 and 2):</b> Choose <b>one</b> course (a minimum of 4 units) from <b>List C:</b>		
Introduction to Fiction	ELIT 10	4
Introduction to Poetry	ELIT 11	4
Introduction to Dramatic Literature	ELIT 12	4
Introduction to Shakespeare	ELIT 17	4
Any course from Lists A or B not used above.		
Any language course other than English which is articulated to fulfill CSU GE Area C.		
Any CSU transferable literature course offered in another department.		

**Total units for the Major:** 29-30  
 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 English Department at De Anza, reviewed the English TMC during three department-wide meetings and several smaller groups where we discussed the merits of creating a transfer degree with this model. It was decided

that the TMC option for developing an English Major at De Anza 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. In addition, we see a need for a transfer degree in English at De Anza, since the currently the geographically closest college to offer the English AA-T is Berkeley City College, over fifty miles away.

#### Criteria B: Need

##### 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs

The English Program will continue to offer an Associate of Arts in English that is not designated as “for transfer” since some of our students may intend only to obtain the AA degree, and do not want a degree that indicates an different goal. These two English degrees will use many of the same courses, instructors and resources. Both programs will strengthen each other since it is not necessary to offer separate courses for each program.

#### Criteria C: Curriculum Standards

TMC English template and course outlines 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 English discipline to support the classes offered in this degree program.

#### Criteria E: Compliance

Enrollment restrictions due to licensing or accreditation standards are not applicable with this degree program.