**English**

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**Degree(s)**

**Transfer**

A.A. in English  
AA.ENGL.OPTB or AA.ENGL.OPTC  
(with Transfer Emphasis using General Education Requirements Option B or C)

See Also  
A.A. in Liberal Arts - Arts, Humanities & Communications Emphasis

**Non-Transfer:**

None  
See:  
A.A. in Humanities

**Certificate(s)**

None

**Employment Concentration Certificate(s)**

None

**Program Description**

English, a transfer program, is an academic discipline focusing on the development of language skills through composition, critical thinking, and the study of literature and writing. Language skills provide an essential foundation for academic and career success. The study of English enhances a wide variety of intellectual skills while exposing students to a major source of cultural enrichment. The scope of the English program includes Freshman Composition, Critical Thinking and Composition, Introduction to Literature, American Literature, English Literature, World Literature, Survey of Drama, Analysis of Fiction, Analysis of Poetry, Survey of Shakespeare, World Folklore, Introduction to Creative Writing, Creative Writing: Fiction, Adolescent Literature, Children’s Literature, Introduction to African American Literature, American Indian Literature, Women and Literature, Latin American Literature in Translation, Multiethnic Literature, and Film and Literature.

**Career Opportunities**

**Transfer Degree**

For any BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

**Transfer Preparation**

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

**Learning Outcomes**

- Present a clear, reasoned, well supported, clearly organized argument, demonstrating college-level writing skills.
- Recognize writing as a process of developing, drafting, revising, and editing.
- Conduct research appropriate to a narrowly specific topic, understanding how to find and evaluate the credibility of sources, incorporating information, concepts and ideas from outside sources through summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting to develop strong, well-supported arguments, citing sources according to Modern Language Association guidelines.
- Analyze text, recognizing the arguments presented, and construct an effective, argumentative or persuasive response, synthesizing information, concepts, and ideas from various sources and including that knowledge in effective, well-reasoned arguments.
- Demonstrate understanding of acknowledged methods of critical thinking and analysis of literature.
- Analyze a variety of literary genres in their social, cultural and historical context.
- Evaluate the artistic contributions made by writers in the English, American and world literary traditions by analyzing the stylistic, formal, and thematic elements of their works.

**Degree**

An Associate of Arts (AA) degree in English prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges offering a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English or related fields. The major requirements for an AA in English may be met by...
completing the pattern described plus all MSJC General Education Option B (CSU-GE breadth) and/or Option C (IGETC) requirements.

**Degree in English (25 units)**

### Required Core Courses (7 units)

- **ENGL-103** Critical Thinking and Writing 4 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-103H** Honors Critical Thinking and Writing 4 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-106** Introduction to Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-106H** Honors Introduction to Literature 3 units

### Required Sequence Courses (12 units)

- **ENGL-207** American Literature: Pre-Colonial to 1865 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-207H** Honors American Literature: Pre-Colonial to 1865 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-208** American Literature: 1865 to Present 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-208H** Honors American Literature: 1865 to Present 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-230** English Literature: Anglo-Saxon to 1775 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-230H** Honors English Literature: Anglo-Saxon to 1775 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-231** English Literature: 1775 to Present 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-231H** Honors English Literature: 1775 to Present 3 units

### Elective Courses (6 units)

- **ENGL-130** Introduction to Creative Writing 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-130H** Honors Introduction to Creative Writing 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-131/CDE-131** Children's Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-131H/CDE-131H** Honors Children's Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-132/ED-132** Adolescent Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-132H/ED-132H** Honors Adolescent Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-200/THA-150** Survey of Drama 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-203** Survey of Shakespeare 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-203H** Honors Survey of Shakespeare 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-205** World Folklore 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-205H** Honors World Folklore 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-220** Analysis of Fiction 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-220H** Honors Analysis of Fiction 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-225** Film and Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-225H** Honors Film and Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-235** Creative Writing: Fiction 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-240** American Indian Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-240H** Honors American Indian Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-240H** Honors American Indian Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-250** Women and Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-250H** Honors Women and Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-260** Introduction to African American Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-260H** Honors Introduction to African American Literature 3 units  
  +  
- **ENGL-270/SPAN-270** Latin American Literature in Translation 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-280** Multietnic Literature 3 units  
  or  
- **ENGL-280H** Honors Multietnic Literature 3 units

Additional elective units may be necessary to meet the 60 semester units required for the UC, CSU and Associate degree. These units must be transferable to the CSU and UC for appropriate credit. Also, 12 units are able to be double counted on the CSU GE.

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**English Curriculum Flowchart**

1. **ENGL-061** Basic Grammar & Usage  
   (determined by Accuplacer placement score)

2. **ENGL-062** Basic Writing Skills  
   (determined by Accuplacer placement score or successful completion of ENGL-061)

3. **ENGL-098** English Fundamentals  
   (determined by Accuplacer placement score or successful completion of ENGL-062)

4. **ENGL-101** Freshman Composition  
   (determined by Accuplacer placement score or successful completion of ENGL-098 or ESL-098)

5. **ENGL-103** Critical Thinking & Writing  
   (determined by Accuplacer placement score or successful completion of ENGL-101)