PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The transfer Associate degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students who wish to have a broad knowledge of liberal arts and sciences plus additional coursework in an “Area of Emphasis”. This area of emphasis would be an ideal choice for students who plan on transferring to the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) as students can satisfy general education requirements, plus focus on transferable course work that relate to majors at these institutions. Please consult with a counselor for information regarding your intended major at the specific college or university of your choice.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Transfer Degree

For 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

- Assess many different situations, involving diverse people and viewpoints, and compose appropriate responses in writing and speaking.
- Analyze the substance of others’ comments through active listening.
- Evaluate and analyze texts through active reading, writing, and discussion.
- Locate and evaluate information by selecting and using appropriate research methods and tools.
- Propose solutions to problems by thinking logically and critically; explaining conclusions; and evaluating, supporting, or critiquing the thinking of others.
- Identify and analyze real or potential problems and develop, evaluate, and test possible solutions and hypotheses.
- Compose an understandable, organized and supported written or spoken explanation of ideas, feelings, and conclusions.

DEGREES

Choose either Option B: CSU General Education Breadth or Option C: IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) for the General Education pattern which relates to your educational goal.

Complete 18 units in one “Area of Emphasis” from those outlined below. More than one area of emphasis may be awarded. (Note: Where appropriate, courses in the “Area of Emphasis” may also apply towards General Education areas on the General Education pattern).
All classes listed below transfer to the CSU system and courses in **BOLD** also transfer to the UC system. Please refer to www.assist.org for articulation agreements and transfer details for each course.

### I. ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS:

#### A. General Education CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC:

*34-39 units*

Units necessary to meet CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC Certification requirements only.

#### B. Areas of Emphasis:  **18 units**

- A minimum of 18 units are required in one Area of Emphasis listed below. For depth of study, 2 or more courses in one discipline are required. More than one area of emphasis may be awarded.
- Courses selected may also be used to fulfill GE areas, refer to each transfer institution’s double counting policy.

#### C. Electives:  **3-9 units**

Elective units may be necessary to total 60 overall units required for the Associate Degree. These units must be transferable to the CSU and/or UC for appropriate credit.

**Total Units**  **60 units**

Note on courses listed below:

* refers to lecture/lab combined courses.
+ refers to crosslisted courses.

1. **ARTS , HUMANITIES & COMMUNICATIONS:**

   These courses emphasize the study of cultural, literary, humanistic activities and artistic expression of human beings. Students will evaluate and interpret the ways in which people through the ages in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation. Students will also learn to value aesthetic understanding and incorporate these concepts when constructing value judgments.

   **American Sign Language**
   100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 110

   **Anthropology**
   145, 145H

   **Art/Art History**

   **Audio Technology**
   140+, 141+

   **Child Development Education**
   109, 131+, 131H+

   **Chinese**
   101, 102, 201, 202

   **Communications**

   **Dance**
   100+, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 133, 212, 225

   **Education/Teacher Prep**
   132+, 132H+

   **English**

   **French**
   101, 102, 201, 202

   **History**

   **Humanities**
   101, 101H, 102, 102H, 137, 138

   **Italian**
   101, 101H, 102, 102H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H

   **Music**

   **Philosophy**
   101, 101H, 104, 105, 105H, 109, 110, 111, 111H

   **Portuguese**
   101, 101H, 102, 102H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H

   **Spanish**

   **Theater Arts**

2. **SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES:**

   These courses emphasize the perspective, concepts and methodologies of the disciplines typically found in the vast variety of disciplines that comprise study in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Students will study about themselves and others as members of a larger society. Topics and discussion to stimulate critical thinking about ways people have acted in response to their societies will allow students to evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate.

   **Administration of Justice**
   102, 111

   **American Sign Language**
   110

   **Anthropology**
   102, 102H, 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D, 103E, 104, 104H, 115, 121+, 125

   **Child Development Education**
   110, 110H, 125, 125H

   **Communication Studies**
   108, 108H, 116

   **Economics**
   201, 201H, 202, 202H

   **Education/Teacher Prep**
   136

   **Geography (excluding physical geography)**
   102, 107, 108, 111

   **History**
3. MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE:

These courses emphasize the natural sciences which examine the physical universe, its life forms and its natural phenomena. Courses in Math emphasize the development of mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills beyond the level of intermediate algebra. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the methodologies of science as investigative tools. Students will also examine the influence that the acquisition of scientific knowledge has on the development of the world’s civilizations. (Students following the CSU GE or IGETC must complete two science courses with at least 1 lab AND at least 1 transferable math to get certified. If a student is transferring in a science or math major more math and/or science courses must be completed.)

- Anatomy/Physiology
  100+, 101*, 102*
- Anthropology
  101, 101H, 111*
- Astronomy
  101*, 111
- Biology
- Chemistry
  100*, 101*, 102*, 107*, 112*, 113*
- Geography (excluding cultural studies)
  101, 104*, 106
- Environmental Studies
  100, 100H, 101, 101H, 102*, 102H*
- Geology
  100*, 103, 105*, 107, 110*, 111+, 112
- Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning
  105, 105H, 110, 115, 135, 140, 211, 212, 212H, 213, 213H, 215, 218; BIOL 201, CSIS-213
- Nursing
  100+
- Physics
  PHY 100, 101*, 102*, 201*, 202*, 202H*, 203*

4. BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY:

These courses emphasize the integration of theory and practice within the fields of business and technology. Students will develop the ability to effectively manage and lead organizations. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the place of business and technology within the global economy. Students will critically apply ethical standards to business practices and decisions. (Students following this emphasis should identify the transfer core degree requirements for the major and university and select the required courses below).

- Accounting
  124, 124H, 125, 125H
- Business Administration
  103, 103H, 201
- Computer Science
- Economics
  201, 201H, 202, 202H
- Engineering
  154, 155, 164, 165
- Geography
  105, 115
- Mathematics/Statistics
  135, 140
- Viticulture, Enology and Winery Technology
  100