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Frequently Asked Questions-Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)

What Associate Degrees for Transfer does MiraCosta College offer?

- AS-T Administration of Justice
- AS-T Business Administration
- AA-T Communication Studies
- AA-T History
- AS-T Mathematics
- AA-T Psychology
- AA-T Sociology
- AA-T Studio Arts
- AA-T Theatre Arts

What are the requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer?

- Complete a maximum of 60 semester (90 quarter) CSU transferable units
- Complete all courses in the major with a "C" or "P" or better
- Complete the CSU GE or CSU-IGETC* general education pattern
- Achieve a minimum CSU transferable GPA of 2.0.
- Complete 12 units at MiraCosta College

*Students using IGETC without completing the 1C Communication requirement will not be admissible to a CSU campus.

Am I guaranteed admission to any CSU campus with an Associate Degree for Transfer?

No. The degree guarantees **priority** admission consideration to your local CSU campus to a similar degree available on that campus. It also guarantees junior standing upon admission and a maximum of 60 units remaining to complete the baccalaureate degree. **The local campus for transferring MiraCosta students is**

CSU San Marcos. A chart of designated ‘local service areas’ can be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/sas/documents/CSULocalAdmission-ServiceAreas.pdf>

What is a “similar” degree at CSU?

Each CSU campus will determine which AA-T/AS-T degrees are similar to degrees offered at that campus. This may include an emphasis or option within the degree offered at the CSU campus or another degree program at the CSU campus. You can find information regarding which ADTs are accepted at a CSU campus on this CSU website: <http://www.calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml>

How does CSU San Marcos use the priority admission process for MiraCosta students with an AA-T/AS-T degree?

MiraCosta students that meet all prescribed program admission requirements will be admitted to CSU San Marcos.

How does CSU San Marcos use the priority admission process for MiraCosta students without an AA-T/AS-T degree?

When students have MiraCosta as the last institution attended on their transcript, and CSU admission requirements are met, (as found on www.assist.org), they will be given priority admission over all other incoming California Community College transfer students. This applies to students transferring into both impacted and non-impacted majors.

How are other CSU campuses (not in the CSU San Marcos local service area) defining priority admission for MiraCosta students?

Priority admission is defined at most participating CSU campuses as .1 GPA bump awarded to students completing an AA-T or AS-T for an *Impacted Major*. Majors designated as impacted at CSU campuses can be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/sas/impactionsearch/>

Students planning to transfer to an Impacted CSU campus in a Non-impacted major will be awarded a .2GPA bump for admissions decisions. ***These admission priorities are subject to change.*** Students should check with a MiraCosta Counselor and /or the Transfer Center for updated information on how specific participating CSU campuses are defining priority admission for the associate degrees for transfer.

Will all of my lower-division major coursework requirements be satisfied with the Associate Degree for Transfer?

Although a CSU campus may accept the associate degree for transfer, they may still decide that a student needs to complete some lower-division coursework that may be necessary preparation for the upper-division major. Each CSU campus will make this decision at the time of admission. The student will still be guaranteed that the bachelor's degree can be earned in no more than 60 units.

How does CSU San Diego (SDSU) use the priority admission process for MiraCosta students?

SDSU uses a different priority admission system for AA-T and AS-T applicants. Most CSU campuses are granting .1 GPA bump to students who have completed an AA-T/AS-T degree for an Impacted major. All majors are impacted at SDSU. SDSU has developed the following admission priority system:

- Students attending colleges in the SDSU *local service area* (Southwestern, San Diego Mesa, San Diego City, San Diego Miramar, Imperial Valley, Grossmont, and Cuyamaca) with an Associate Degree for Transfer
- Non- local service area students who have earned an Associate degree for Transfer (MiraCosta and all other California community colleges, not designated in local service area)
- Locals Students meeting all admission and program requirements (major preparation and GPA)
- Non-local students meeting all admission and program requirements (major preparation and GPA)

Can I earn an Associate degree (AA) from MiraCosta College and transfer without following the requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer?

Yes, students transferring from MiraCosta College to a CSU campus, that are fully CSU-GE certified, will automatically earn a Liberal Arts degree from MiraCosta.

Can I transfer without an Associate Degree to the CSU?

Yes. An associate degree is not an admission requirement to transfer to the CSU system. We strongly encourage MiraCosta students transferring to CSU or to any university to apply for and obtain an associate degree (either Liberal Arts or an AA-T/AS-T) prior to transfer.

Am I guaranteed admission with an Associate Degree for Transfer to a CSU campus if my major requires a portfolio or audition?

No. If an audition or portfolio submission is part of prescribed program admission requirements at a CSU campus, this requirement must be met with or without an AA-T/AS-T.

Does the University of California give priority admission for applicants with an Associate Degree for Transfer?

No. The University of California is not participating in this program. Admission decisions are based on the successful completion of admission, program and GPA requirements as identified on www.ASSIST.ORG.

Do private and out of state universities accept the Associate Degree for Transfer? Will private and out of state universities give priority admission for applicants with an Associate degree for Transfer?

Private and out of state universities are not currently participating in this program. Acceptance of the degree will primarily be based on how the courses within the degree meet university program and admission requirements. Some private/ or out of state universities do give priority consideration based on the earning of an associate degree. If you are considering a private or out of state university, a MiraCosta Counselor can help you to review specific admission requirements.

What is the difference between an Associate in Arts for Transfer and an Associate in Science for Transfer?

The California Community College Chancellor's Office has designated an associate in science (AS) or an associate in arts (AA) based on the discipline that offers the degree. In general all of the degrees in the science, math or business disciplines are designated as associate in science degrees.

Can I use courses completed at another California community college to satisfy requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer from MiraCosta College?

Yes, courses completed at other California community colleges, will be approved for a MiraCosta associate degree for transfer, if they are approved for the degree as designated by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. MiraCosta can award students an Associate Degree for Transfer, if you meet all prescribed requirements and have completed at least 12 units at MiraCosta College.

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Please check with a MiraCosta College Counselor and the Transfer Center for updated information.