

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES, CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT AND SKILL CERTIFICATES

West Los Angeles College provides educational programs that lead to transferring to four-year colleges and universities, as well as career programs that lead to Associate Degrees, Certificates of Achievement, or Skill Certificates.



### Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T and AS-T)

California Community Colleges are now offering associate degrees for transfer to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

To view the most current list of Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to <http://www.sb1440.org/Counseling.aspx>. Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

### Associate Degrees for Transfer

(See page 69 for Major Requirements)

- Administration of Justice AS-T
- Mathematics AS-T
- Psychology AA-T

An **Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree** is granted to recognize a student's satisfactory completion of an organized program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units including general education requirements and specific major requirements. A minimum GPA of 2.0 ("C") or better is required for an Associate Degree.

A **Certificate of Achievement** is issued in State-approved programs designed for students who are looking for instruction with a high degree of specialization. Certificate programs vary in length, but must have 18 or more semester units, and may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis. Vocational certificate programs are usually one-year educational programs that offer courses needed to prepare students for immediate employment. A Certificate program is specific, and no course substitution will be permitted unless approved by the department. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course required for the major.

A **Skill Certificate** is issued by the college for programs requiring 17 semester units or less. Skill Certificates are designed for those students who have limited time, or who wish to limit their commitment to a particular field of study. Students may seek increased job-related specialization, job advancement, or preparation for new employment. Courses that make up a Skill Certificate often apply toward a Certificate Program or Associate Degree. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course required for the major. Always consult a counselor for verification.

*Note: Skill certificates are not state-approved and are not included on transcripts. Only students completing state-approved degrees and/or certificates may participate in commencement.*

During the final semester in which completion of requirements takes place, students should petition the Admissions office for Associate Degrees, Certificates of Achievement or Skill Certificates. Units earned toward a Certificate may be applied toward an Associate Degree of the same major.

A 2.0 GPA and completion of at least 12 units of work in residence and attendance at West Los Angeles College during the semester in which the requirements are completed is necessary for any certificate.

For both the degree and certificate programs, transcripts from all other colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions office.

## Transfer Degrees

- Administration of Justice
- Mathematics
- Psychology

## Associate Degrees

- Accounting
- Administration of Justice
- Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Anthropology
- Art – Ceramics
- Art – Drawing and Painting
- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Biology
- Business
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Computer Network and Security Management
- Computer Science Information Technology
- Computer Web Support and Database Administration
- Dental Hygiene
- Economics
- English
- Fire Technology

- French
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Hospitality
- Liberal Arts in:
  - Arts and Humanities
  - Behavioral and Social Sciences
  - Health Professions
  - Math, Science, and Computer Science
- Management – Small Business
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Medical Assisting
- Music
- Paralegal Studies
- Pharmacy Technician
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Real Estate
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech
- Travel
- Word Processing

