

Glendale Community College
Associate of Arts in English for Transfer Degree
Narrative

1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

Degree Completion and Transferability: The Associate of Arts in English for Transfer allows students to complete a terminal Associate of Arts degree in English at Glendale Community College (GCC). The degree also creates a transfer pathway for students who plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in English or related fields at a California State University. Through the completion of their AA-T in English coursework, students will gain foundational knowledge in and complete a degree comprised of core content included in the first two years in many four-year programs at public and private institutions in English.

Alignment with GCC Mission: The AA-T in English degree is closely aligned with GCC's college mission to provide students with the opportunity and support to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to meet their educational, career, and personal goals including:

- emphasizing coherence among disciplines and promoting openness to the diversity of the human experience as expressed through a range of texts and voices
- developing important skills that are critical for success in the modern workplace, such as verbal and written communication, analytical and critical thinking, effective use of technology for work and research, and the ability to work with others and conduct life responsibly.

Pedagogical Goals: A student who completes the AA-T in English will be able to

- identify major topics, developments, debates, and issues relevant to language and literature
- apply knowledge of key concepts in the discipline in order to discuss, analyze, and synthesize a variety of genres, as well as complex textual and social issues
- gain a local, national, and global perspective on issues pertaining to English, in preparation for future study and career opportunities.

2. Catalog Statement:

The Associate of Arts in English for Transfer Degree is designed to prepare the student for transfer to four-year institutions of higher education and is specifically intended to satisfy lower-division requirements for a baccalaureate degree in English at a California State University. The knowledge and skills offered in this degree lead students to develop foundational knowledge in grammar, composition, literary analysis, and logical argumentation in the field of English. These skills provide tools for inquiry into local, national, and global topics within the discipline.

The AA-T in English requires students to meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.

2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an “AA-T” or “AS-T” major as detailed in the program section of the college catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis (title 5 § 55063).
4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.