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A.A./A.S. Degree Requirements

1. Completion of all General Education (GE) requirements (32-43 quarter units) for the A.A./A.S. degree. GE units must be completed with a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).
2. Completion of all major courses with a C grade or higher. Major courses can also be used to satisfy GE requirements (except for Liberal Arts degrees).
   Note: A maximum of 22 quarter units from other academic institutions may be applied toward the major.
3. Completion of a minimum of 90 degree-applicable quarter units (GE and major units included). All De Anza courses must be completed with a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).
   Note: A minimum of 24 quarter units must be earned at De Anza College.

Journalism

A.A. Degree

The Journalism A.A. degree prepares students to transfer to a four-year university in journalism, mass communications, public relations, advertising or related disciplines and offers students sufficient training to obtain an internship at a media outlet in print or electronic journalism or within the field of new media.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion, students will be able to

- Demonstrate competency in the basics of journalistic writing, including grammar, punctuation, story structure and journalistic styles
- Demonstrate competency in research, information gathering and critical analysis of information using techniques such as observation, researching sources and interviewing
- Compile a portfolio of print, electronic and/or multimedia projects that tell journalistic stories
- Apply media literacy skills to explain the communication process and detect media bias
- Summarize steps appropriate to gain employment in a mass communications industry

Prerequisite:

EWRT 1A  Composition and Reading (5)
or EWRT 1AH Composition and Reading - HONORS (5)
or EWRT 1AT Intensive Composition and Reading Stretch: Second Quarter (5)

1. Meet the A.A./A.S. degree requirements.
2. Complete the following.

JOUR 2 Media and Its Impact on Society 4
JOUR 21A News Writing and Reporting 3
JOUR 21B Feature Writing and Reporting 3
JOUR 61A Student News Media Production I 3
PHTG 4 Introduction to Digital Photography 3

Complete one course:

EWRT 1B Reading, Writing and Research (5)
or EWRT 1BH Reading, Writing and Research - HONORS (5)
EWRT 2 Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking (5)
or EWRT 2H Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking - HONORS (5)

Complete two courses:

JOUR 61B Student News Media Production II (3)
JOUR 61C Editorial Leadership for Student News Media (3)
JOUR 62A Freelance Reporting for Student Media (1)
JOUR 62B Freelance Photography for Student Media (1)
JOUR 62C Freelance Video Production for Student Media (1)
JOUR 62D Freelance Digital Production for
Student Media (1)
JOUR 62E Freelance Graphic Production for
Student Media (1)
JOUR 62F Freelance Copy Editing for Student Media (1)
JOUR 77W Special Projects in Journalism (1)
JOUR 78 series JOUR 78W, 78X
Special Topics in Journalism (1-2)
JOUR 80 Introduction to Public Relations (4)
JOUR 90 Introduction to Multimedia Reporting (4)

Complete a minimum of four units: 4
ARTS 53 Introduction to Visual Technology (4)
ARTS 56 Graphic Design:
Page Layout for Digital Publishing (4)
CIS 89A Web Page Development (4.5)
COMM 9 Argumentation: Analysis of Oral and
Written Communication (5)
or COMM 9H Argumentation: Analysis of Oral and
Written Communication - HONORS (5)
EWRT 65A Literary Magazine I, National Edition (2)
EWRT 65AX Literary Magazine I, National Edition (3)
EWRT 68A Literary Magazine I, Student Edition (2)
EWRT 68AX Literary Magazine I, Student Edition (3)
F/TV 20 Beginning Video Production (4)
ICS 7 Intercultural Communication (4)
or ICS 7H Intercultural Communication - HONORS (4)
also listed as COMM 7
also listed as COMM 7H
ICS 29 Cultural Pluralism and American
Law and Justice (4)
also listed as ADMJ 29
LIB 1 Library Research Skills (1)
POLI 1 American Government and Politics (5)
or POLI 1H American Government
and Politics - HONORS (5)

Major Journalism 27-33
GE General Education (32-43 units)
Electives Elective courses required when major
units plus GE units total is less than 90

Total Units Required ...........................................90