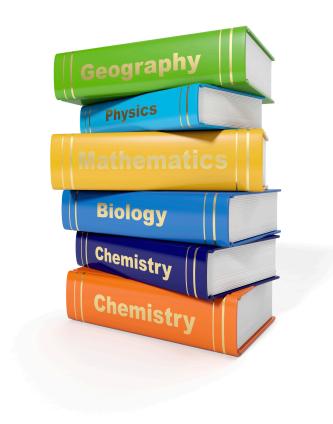
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# Types of Degrees and Certificates Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T)

Designed for students planning to transfer to a CSU in a similar major

- Provides guaranteed admissions to the CSU system but not to a particular campus or major
- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 34 units of transfer general education courses (Cal-GETC GE Pattern)
- Consult a COS counselor for assistance selecting transferable elective courses

### Associate in Science Degree for Transfer (AS-T)

Designed for students planning to transfer to a CSU in a similar major

- Provides guaranteed admissions to the CSU system but not to a particular campus or major
- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 34 units of transfer general education courses (Cal-GETC GE Pattern)
- Consult a COS counselor for assistance selecting transferable elective courses

#### Associate of Arts Degree (AAT)

Designed for transfer to many baccalaureate institutions

- Course requirements vary between colleges and universities.
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- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 34 units of transfer general education courses (Cal-GETC GE Pattern)

#### Associate of Science Degree (AST)

Designed for transfer to many baccalaureate institutions

- Course requirements vary between colleges and universities.
   Students are encouraged to consult ASSIST.org (http://www.assist.org) and a COS counselor for program planning and course selection.
- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 34 units of transfer general education courses (Cal-GETC GE Pattern)

#### Associate of Arts Degree (AA)

Designed to prepare students for employment

- This degree is not designed for transfer; however, the courses included in this degree may be transferable and may apply to other degrees designed for transfer
- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 25 units of general education courses (COS GE Pattern)

#### Associate of Science Degree (AS)

Designed to prepare students for employment

- This degree is not designed for transfer; however, the courses included in this degree may be transferable and may apply to other degrees designed for transfer
- Requires a minimum of 60 units, including 25 units of general education courses (COS GE Pattern)

#### **Certificate of Achievement**

Prepares students for high level of competency for work in a business or industry

- Requires a minimum of 8\* units in the vocational area and does not require general education courses
- A Certificate of Achievement under 16 units may not qualify for financial aid eligibility
- A Certificate of Achievement is listed on the student's official transcript in accordance with State and Federal regulations

#### **Skill Certificate**

Prepares students for entry-level employment opportunities in a business or industry

- Requires less than 16 units in a vocational area and does not require general education courses
- · A Skill Certificate may not qualify for financial aid eligibility
- A Skill Certificate is not listed on the student's official transcript in accordance with State and Federal regulations
- \* Certificates of Achievement may have a total unit count of 8-15.5 units, if approved by the California Community College Chancellor's Office.