

Associate's of Science Transfer (AS-T) Degree

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the AS-T?

AA-T and AS-T are acronyms for **Associate in Arts** and **Associate in Science** degrees that are designed specifically **for transfer to the California State University System**. The degrees are the results of Senate Bill 1440, a transfer bill that required the California Community Colleges to offer associate degrees for transfer in many of the most popular majors, and for the CSU to provide priority admission to California Community College students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T degree. These degrees can be completed in 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) and include coursework in general education, major preparation and electives.

What is the difference between transferring with or without an AS-T for Criminal Justice?

An AS-T in Administration of Justice will give you **eligibility to apply** to the Criminal Justice major **with fewer classes completed** (they will need to be completed to obtain your degree at Sac State), and a **0.10 GPA bonus**. Otherwise, all four prerequisite courses must be complete at the time of application. Please see the chart below for comparison:



	With AS-T degree	Without AS-T degree
CRJ 1	Must be at least in-progress.	Must be complete.
CRJ 2	Must be at least in-progress	Must be complete.
CRJ 4	Does not need to be complete.	Must be complete.
CRJ 5	Does not need to be complete.	Must be complete.
GPA bonus?	Yes	No



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What must I do at community college to earn an AS-T for transfer?

Students working toward an Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree must complete 60 semester units (or 90 quarter units) of required general education coursework and major-specific lower division coursework. To be as competitive as possible, keep your grades up in community college and make sure you meet the admissions requirements for the CSU campus and the major that interests you, and submit all application materials by the posted deadlines.

Does the AS-T guarantee admission to Sacramento State?

Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU, but **not necessarily to a particular campus or major**.

Does an AS-T in Administration of Justice guarantee admission to the Criminal Justice major at Sacramento State?

No. Students with an AS-T degree in Administration of Justice need to both apply for admission to Sacramento State, as well as to the Criminal Justice program via the Supplemental Application.

I'm working on an AS-T so can I fast-track my degree. Do I still need to meet all the Criminal Justice requirements?

Although, AS-T graduates may be admitted to the major without completion of all four lower division courses, **we strongly urge you to complete these courses**. No other lower division criminal justice courses will be applied to your major graduation requirements, and to delay completing these courses until transfer may delay your degree progress.

I met the requirements for AS-T and turned in the AS-T paperwork to Admissions and Outreach on time, but I still didn't get in to the Criminal Justice major. Why not?

Did you remember to apply to the major via the Supplemental Application process? Transfer students applying to an impacted major must submit a Supplemental Application to be considered for the major. Submitting an admissions application to Admissions and Outreach does not satisfy the supplemental process.

I completed the AS-T and submitted all paperwork to the Admission and Outreach office, as well as the supplemental application for Criminal Justice, but I still didn't get in to the Criminal Justice Major. Why not?

Students who earn an AS-T degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU, but **not necessarily to a particular major**. You must also meet the necessary eligibility requirements for the Criminal Justice program and submit the Supplemental Application.

I have an AS-T but I wasn't accepted to the major because I didn't turn in the confirmation paperwork on time. Do I still get to use the AS-T criteria for next semester's supplemental application?

Sorry, but no. You are only allowed to use the AS-T criteria for the semester of transfer.

What are the benefits of completing an AS-T in Administration of Justice at my California Community College?

Students who complete an AS-T have several benefits during the Admission process.

- ◆ They will meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements and guaranteed admission to a CSU.
- ◆ During the supplemental application review period, students will be allowed to:
 - ◇ Receive an increase of .1 towards their GPA to meet the minimum Criminal Justice requirements.
 - ◇ They will be allowed to have the CRJ 1, 2, 4 and 5 in progress. Non-AS-T transfer students will not be allowed this exemption.

Note: **We strongly urge you to complete these courses**. No other lower division criminal justice courses will be applied to your major graduation requirements. Failure to have completed the prerequisite equivalents before transferring could delay completion of your degree.

Resources

A Degree With A Guarantee—Find Colleges that offer an AS-T in Administration of Justice
<http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/AboutTheProgram/FindYourPath.aspx>

ASSIST.org—Find equivalent prerequisite courses
<http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>

How to Apply for Criminal Justice at Sacramento State:
[www.csus.edu/hhs/cj/How to become a Criminal Justice Major.htm](http://www.csus.edu/hhs/cj/How_to_become_a_Criminal_Justice_Major.htm)