PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Educational programs are “an organized sequence of courses leading to a defined objective, a degree, a certificate, a diploma, a license, or transfer to another institution of higher education (Title 5, section 55000).” Programs of study at Chaffey College are designed to provide students with certificates/licensure and/or degrees, training for a variety of career and technical fields, and/or preparation for transfer to four-year colleges. Chaffey’s currently active certificate and degree programs may be found on pages 42-43. Detailed information about each program’s constituent coursework and any additional requirements may be found on pages 44-98.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer,” a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree (unless the major is a designated “high-unit” major).

This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or a college or university that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

At press date, Chaffey has nineteen (19) approved transfer degrees: Administration of Justice, Anthropology, Art History, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, English, Geography, Geology, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Theatre Arts. Additional transfer degree majors are being developed. Please see a counselor for more information.

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.

2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. Students should keep in mind that while a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. 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 Programs of Study section of the catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better. “P” (Pass) grades are not acceptable for courses in the major. (Title 5 § 55063)

4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE, on page 37) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum pattern (IGETC, on page 38).

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Chaffey offers both Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degrees. Associate in Arts degrees are two-year degrees in Liberal Studies disciplines that provide a broad exploration of a specific area of emphasis. Associate in Science degrees typically are two-year occupational degrees that prepare students for careers in technical fields. Most AA degree and many AS degrees provide a solid foundation for further academic study for students wishing to transfer. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of A, B, C, or P or better. (Title 5 § 55063)

CERTIFICATES

Certificate programs focus on a specific vocational topic/subject area, and are designed to provide students with knowledge and skills immediately applicable to employment. Certificate programs typically do not require or include general education type courses, and most can be completed in less than two years — sometimes within a single term. Certificates are awarded to students who have successfully completed the required sequence of courses in an occupational field. A minimum grade of “C” or “P” is required for every course required for the certificate. All certificates have been approved by the Chaffey Curriculum Committee, and are listed — along with their constituent courses — elsewhere in this catalog. Chaffey offers two types of certificates:

STATE APPROVED Certificates of Achievement are state-approved certificate programs consisting of 18 or more units of degree-applicable coursework. These certificates appear by name on student's transcripts.

LOCALLY APPROVED Certificates of Career Preparation are locally-approved certificate programs consisting of fewer than 18 units of degree-applicable coursework. These certificates do not appear on student’s transcripts.