**Contra Costa College**

**Associate in Arts in Spanish for Transfer Narrative**

**ITEM 1: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Associate in Arts in Spanish for Transfer (AA-T) degree is designed to prepare students to complete the baccalaureate degree in Spanish or similar major upon transferring into the California State University (CSU) system.

The AA-T in Spanish provides a comprehensive foundation in the Spanish language. The degree ensures the development of listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills; examining important contributions to Spanish language literature, new ideas from the Spanish speaking world, and cultivating an openness to new ideas and an informed appreciation of Spanish speaking cultures. This program is designed to meet transfer requirements as well as provide an opportunity for personal development and career growth.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Students who complete the program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate communicative competence in the Spanish language at a high-intermediate level and above on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) scale

2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Hispanic cultures and interpret Spanish-language texts according to their cultural, literary and/or linguistic content.

**ITEM 2: CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

**Program Description**

The Spanish program provides instruction in developing a student’s ability to speak and write in Spanish at the intermediate level or above. Students also gain knowledge of Hispanic cultures throughout the world. This program is designed to meet transfer requirements as well as provide an opportunity for personal development and career growth.

The Associate in Arts in Spanish for Transfer (AA-T) degree is designed to prepare students to complete the baccalaureate degree in Spanish or similar major upon transferring into the California State University (CSU) system. The program assists students in seamlessly transferring to a CSU in order to earn a bachelor’s degree in Spanish. The courses in the AA-T in Spanish are also articulated to allow students to transfer to University of California.

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**Some possible careers:**

Translator, foreign services officer, diplomat, special government agent, library cataloger, foreign student advisor, import/export agent, manuscript reader/editor, foreign language news writer, museum technician, teacher, research assistant, tour guide, travel agent, interpreter, social worker. Career areas: advertising, communications, international business, medical fields.

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2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Hispanic cultures and interpret Spanish-language texts according to their cultural, literary and/or linguistic content.

Pursuant to SB1440, section 66746, a student must complete the following requirements in order to earn an AA-T in Spanish:

* A minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a grade of C or better while maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework.
* 60 semester CSU-transferable units using the CSU-GE Breadth pattern; OR the IGETC pattern
* No more than 60 semester units are required

**ITEM 3: PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The AA-T in Spanish requires a total of 18-23 major units of required courses with a minimum grade of “C”.

**Required Core (20 units)**

SPAN-120 First-Semester Spanish 5

SPAN-121 Second-Semester Spanish 5

SPAN-220 Third-Semester Spanish 5

SPAN-221 Fourth-Semester Spanish 5

**LIST A** (select one) **(3 units)**

LARAZ-130 Contemporary Chicano/Latino Literature 3

LARAZ-125 Latin American History 3

LARAZ-190 Introduction to Chicano(a) and Latino(a) Film 3

**Note:** If you place out of any of the required core courses and are not awarded units for that course, you must take additional units to compensate for the course/units required to reach at least 18 total units in the major. Please select additional courses found in List A as acceptable substitutions. If you have exhausted all the options in List A, please contact the department for acceptable course substitutions.

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| Total Units for the Major: | 19-23 |
| Total Units that May Be Double-Counted: | 6-9 |
| General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units: | 37-39 |
| Elective (CSU Transferable) Units: | 4-13 |
| Total Degree Units: | 60 |