English AA-T FAQs

What is the program? The English AA-T degree at Berkeley City College

- Offers all of the lower division coursework required of a student who wishes to transfer as an English major to U.C. Berkeley, U.C.L.A., U.C. Santa Cruz, and other University of California campuses, and
- Guarantees admission to a C.S.U. as an English major, assuming that the student completes major coursework with a 2.0 grade point average and completes IGETC or CSU-GE general education requirements.

What courses do students need to take in this program?

Required courses:

English 1A (Reading and Composition/ prerequisite to all other courses listed below)
English 1B (Reading and Composition
English 5 (Critical Thinking)
English 85A (Literature in English through Milton)
English 85B (Literature in English: Late 17th through Mid-19th Century)
English 85C (Literature in English: Mid-19th through the 20th Century)
English 17A or B (Shakespeare) or English 50 (Multicultural American Literature)

Plus IGETC or CSU-GE general education pattern and electives

What are the benefits of this program?

- The program is designed to provide a seamless transition to transfer at any C.S.U. campus.
- Because the courses are accepted as meeting lower division requirements at U.C. Berkeley and other U.C. campuses, the rate of transfer at B.C.C. for English majors applying to U.C. Berkeley is very high.
- Students who love literature and literary analysis thrive in this program.
- The instructors of courses in this program work together to ensure that its students develop strong skills in reading, writing, critical thinking, and textual analysis.
- Students in the program have an opportunity to become writing coaches at B.C.C.
- Students have opportunities to start or join clubs such as the B.C.C. Poetry Club and Literary Club.

What are alumni of this program doing today?

- Some are in graduate school, including Ph.D. programs at Harvard, U.C.L.A., and U.C. Berkeley, and Master's programs at San Francisco State.
- Alumni have become educators, lawyers, editors, web designers, business professionals, journalists, and published authors.

What educational or career paths exist for students completing this program?

- Most students in this major are advised to transfer to a four-year university. However, students with the AA-T can find employment in a variety of business and educational settings.
- Once students complete their coursework for the Bachelor's and possibly graduate degrees, they can work in education (of course), publishing, writing, law, politics, public service, journalism, technical writing, multimedia, public relations, and business, among other areas. Many employers who value strong skills in writing and analytical reading are interested in hiring English majors.

Who might be attracted to this program?

- Students who wish to transfer as an English major to a University of California or California State University campus or
- Students who wish to complete an Associate of Arts degree that demonstrates strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.

Whom do students contact for more information about this program?

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