

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER UPDATE

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The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) is the “Degree with a Guarantee.” California Community College (CCC) students who earn an ADT will:

- Graduate from community college with an Associate Degree
- Be guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU)
- Have a clear transfer pathway to CSU
- Start at a CSU with Junior status

The purpose of the ADT is to streamline the transfer process by providing uniform, statewide, discipline-specific transfer pathways. ADTs consist of 60 lower division units at the community college level. Once the student transfers to a CSU, they are only required to take 60 units of upper-division courses, resulting in students earning a Bachelor’s degree with 120 units.

BACKGROUND

In 2010, Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla) established the Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act. Since that time CCC and CSU have collaborated closely to ensure successful implementation. An Oversight and Implementation Committee comprised of CCC and CSU faculty, administration, and students was formed to inform and guide our efforts.

To ensure rigorous preparation pathways, a Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) was developed for each discipline. Each TMC is created through collaboration between the CCC and CSU Academic Senates.

TMCs use the common Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID), further increasing the portability of courses for students. The TMC serves as a blueprint to guide community colleges in their development of ADTs,

DISCIPLINES THAT HAVE AN ADT*	NUMBER OF COLLEGES THAT OFFER
Administration of Justice	94
Agricultural Business	10
Agriculture Animal Science	4
Agriculture Plant Science	5
Anthropology	87
Art History	72
Biology	54
Business Administration	111
Chemistry	22
Child and Adolescent Development	2
Communication Studies	105
Computer Science	36
Early Childhood Education	100
Economics	65
Elementary Teacher Education	61
English	106
Film Television and Electronic Media	9
Geography	63
Geology	66
Global Studies	1
History	98
Journalism	54
Kinesiology	96
Mathematics	109
Music	70
Nutrition and Dietetics	24
Philosophy	69
Physics	76
Political Science	94
Psychology	108
Public Health Science	1
Sociology	105
Social Justice Studies	0
Spanish	75
Studio Arts	101
Theater Arts	74

* As of 10/24/2016

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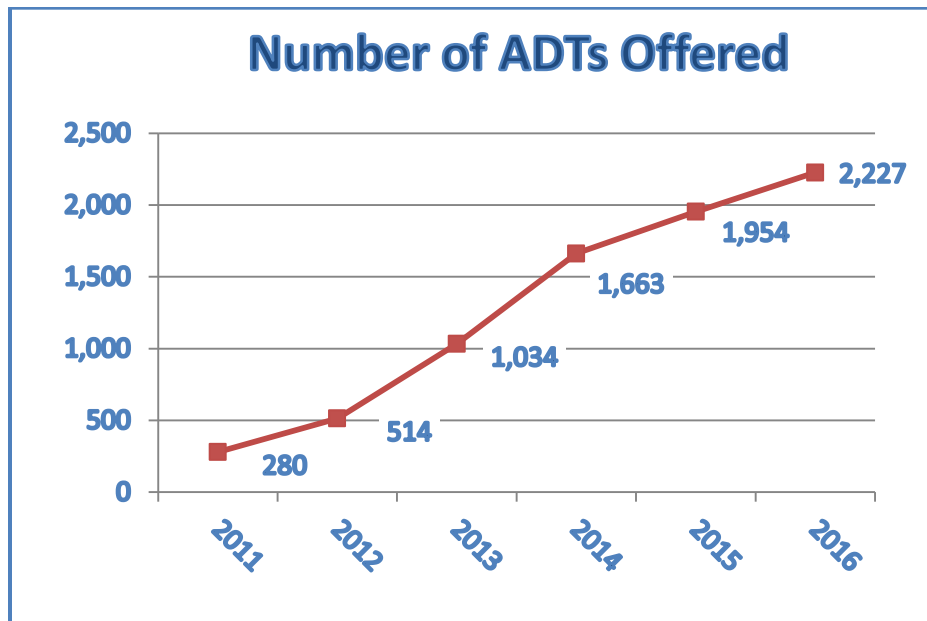
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defining the framework of upper and lower division courses that students will need to take to earn a Bachelor’s degree.

CURRENT STATUS

There are currently **TMCs in 36 different disciplines** available for community colleges use in developing ADTs. As of October 2016, there are **2,227 active ADTs** offered at California community colleges.



The number of California community college students pursuing ADTs has grown rapidly in recent years, from 722 in the first year the degrees were offered to 30,917 in 2015-16 (see table, below). ADTs are now the **most popular pathway** for community college students wanting to transfer to CSU.

Number of ADTs Awarded Per Year					
	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16
Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T) Degree	72	1,674	4,784	9,753	14,249
Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T) Degree	650	3,490	6,668	10,992	16,668
TOTAL	722	5,164	11,452	20,745	30,917

Monthly ADT reports are posted on the CCCCO website under Academic Affairs under the “Curriculum/ADT” tab (<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/WhatsNew.aspx>).