



California Community Colleges are now offering Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT's) to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses. Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units. To view the most current list of Norco College Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to:

www.calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml

Students are encouraged to meet with a Norco College counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
(IGETC for STEM) NAS893

The Associate in Science in Environmental Science for Transfer Degree (AS-T in Environmental Science) introduces the concepts and principles upon which environmental knowledge is based including the biological, chemical, and physical concepts underlying scientific theory and application to environmental issues. Students will develop skills for critical/analytical thinking, perceptive reading/observation and interpretation to apply to environmental concerns affecting our everyday lives. The AS-T in Environmental Science provides students with a core curriculum to develop key skills for applying biological, physical, and chemical principles to the study of the environment and the developing solutions to environmental problems.

<u>Required Courses (40-41 units)</u>		<u>Units</u>
BIO-60*	Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology	5
CHE-1A*	General Chemistry I	5
BIO-61*	Introduction to Organismal and Population Biology	5
OR		
CHE-1B*	General Chemistry II	5
<u>List A (14-15 units)</u>		<u>Units</u>
BIO-19*	Environmental Science	3
GEG-1*/1H*	Physical Geography/Honors	3
AND		
GEG-1L*	Physical Geography Laboratory	1
MAT-12*/12H*	Statistics/Honors	4
OR		
PSY/SOC-48*	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
MAT-1A*	Calculus I	4
<u>List B (11 units)</u>		<u>Units</u>
ECO-8*/8H*	Principles of Microeconomics/Honors	3
PHY-2A*+2B*	General Physics I and II	8
OR		
PHY-4A*+4B*	Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism	8

*Courses may also be used to fulfill general education requirements for the IGETC for STEM pattern, please confer with a counselor.

Associate in Science for Transfer Degree

The Associate in Science in Environmental Science for Transfer degree will be awarded upon completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units including the above major requirements and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for STEM pattern with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better.

IGETC for STEM

Students pursuing certain Associate Degrees for Transfer may be eligible to complete IGETC for STEM, deferring two to three lower-division GE courses until after transfer. IGETC for STEM is applicable only to majors in which the Transfer Model Curriculum explicitly indicates the availability of the option. **At Norco College, currently only ADT's in Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science allow IGETC for STEM.**

"IGETC for STEM" certification as part of an Associate Degree for Transfer in Environmental Science would require:

Complete the following courses *before* transfer:

- All courses in Areas 1, 2, 5, and 7 of the traditional IGETC; and
- One course in Area 3A; one course in Area 3B; and one course in Area 4 (the second area 4 course will eventually need to be from a different discipline).

Complete the following courses *after* transfer:

- One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 3;*
- One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 4 (in a different discipline from the first area 4 course);* and
- One course in Area 6 for UC-bound students who have not satisfied it through proficiency.*

*These deferred lower division courses must be replaced with calculus and/or science courses required by the major before transfer.

Please consult with a Norco College counselor to discuss which general education pattern is the best option for you based on your individual major, goals, and transfer institution.