

## AA-T/AS-T ADVISING INFORMATION FOR COUNSELORS

This document is intended to assist counselors in advising students who have decided upon a major, plan to transfer to a CSU campus, and are considering pursuing an AA-T or AS-T degree. It was developed by the CCC Articulation Officer Regional Representatives using information available as of July 25, 2012.

**Which CSU major options are available for students interested in pursuing an AA-T/AS-T degree ?** See [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) for a list.

**Which students should pursue the degree?** See the AA-T / AS-T Advising Flowchart. In general, the degree is advantageous for:

- *Students preparing for impacted CSU majors or campuses.* In most cases, students with an AA-T/AS-T degree have admission priority to impacted majors and campuses by means of a “GPA bump” and alternate ways to gain local admission area status. Each CSU campus may set its own SB1440 admission policy but at a minimum must apply the “GPA bump.” See [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) for more information.
- *Students seeking an associate degree in addition to transfer preparation.*
- *Students who want to prepare broadly for more than one CSU.* Many AA-T/AS-T degrees are designed to accommodate the varying requirements of different CSU campuses.
- *Students attending a CCC that does not have major preparation articulation to their intended CSU campus.* Major courses taken as part of the AA-T/AS-T degree are likely to fulfill many or all major preparation requirements at any CSU campus that accepts the degree regardless of whether the CCC and CSU campuses have established major preparation articulation.

**What course selection advice should I give to students?** Most students should complete all required transfer coursework in addition to the AA-T/AS-T major requirements. Specifically:

- *Minimum admission requirements:* Students must meet all CSU minimum admission requirements, including 60 CSU-transferable units, a 2.0 cumulative CSU-transferable GPA (2.4 for nonresident students or 2.8 for international students), and the “golden four” (most CSU campuses require a letter grade of “C” or better in each “golden four” course for admission).
- *General education (GE):* Students must complete a full CSU GE or IGETC pattern (if IGETC is selected students should complete the CSU version). No additional/“local” GE or graduation requirements may be required of students completing these degrees.
- *Major coursework:* Students must complete the major coursework specified for the AA-T/AS-T degree. In some cases these courses will also fulfill GE or other requirements (double-counting.)
- *Major preparation/impaction requirements:* Students completing an AA-T/AS-T degree that has been deemed similar by the receiving CSU campus do not have to complete any additional courses before transferring. However, they may need to meet other non-curricular criteria such as GPA requirements, auditions, or portfolio reviews. In addition, they may have to complete any remaining major preparation/impaction requirements after transfer. Therefore, students should consider selecting restricted or open elective options that also meet GE, major preparation/impaction, or other requirements for their intended CSU campus and major. See [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for more information.
- *Other requirements:* Students are encouraged to complete the CSU American Institutions requirement as well as CSU campus-specific graduation requirements. Many courses that fulfill these requirements also meet CSU GE or IGETC requirements.

**How does a student receive the benefits of the AA-T/AS-T degree?** Students indicate their intention to earn an AA-T/AS-T when completing the CSU online application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

**For more information:** Information and updates are available at [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) and [www.c-id.net](http://www.c-id.net).

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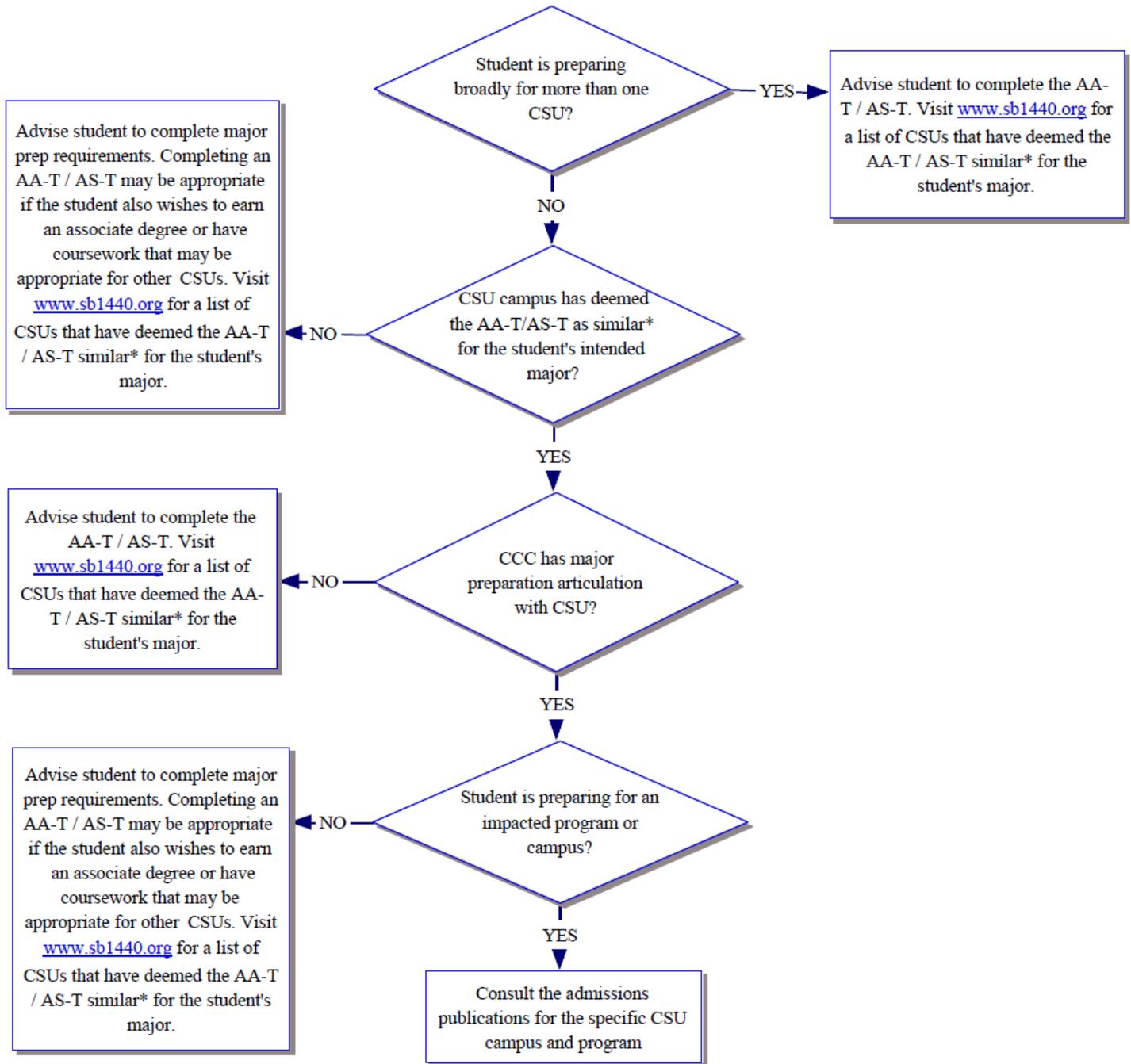
<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local admission priority</b> for some nonlocal admission area students transferring to an impacted campus or major who earn an AA-T/AS-T from a CCC in the CSU's local admission area, depending on CSU campus and major</li> <li>• <b>GPA bump/reduced GPA standards</b> for all students transferring to an impacted major (0.1 GPA bump) and some students transferring to an impacted campus (0.2 GPA bump); some CSU campuses/majors may exceed this GPA bump or may apply additional admissions benefits</li> <li>• <b>Deferral of major preparation/curricular impaction requirements</b> for some students depending on CSU campus and major</li> <li>• <b>As close to "common preparation" as possible for most CSU campuses</b> for students preparing broadly for more than one CSU campus</li> <li>• <b>Facilitation of associate degree completion by elimination of local graduation requirements</b> for students whose CCC campus has such requirements</li> <li>• <b>Facilitation of transfer to CSUs where no major preparation articulation exists</b> for some students depending on CCC campus, CSU campus and major</li> <li>• <b>Redirection to an alternate CSU campus</b> for all students who are not admitted to any CSU campus they applied to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional coursework that will only apply as open elective credit after transfer</b> for some students depending on CCC campus, CSU campus and major</li> <li>• <b>Uncompleted major preparation coursework required after transfer</b> for some students depending on CSU campus and major; all requirements to be completed at the CSU must fit within the remaining 60 units</li> <li>• <b>Loss of local admission priority</b> to the local admission area CSU campus for some local admission area students who earn an AA-T/AS-T from a nonlocal admission area CCC depending on CSU campus and major</li> <li>• <b>Additional time and units spent at CCC</b> for students who are undecided on a major or may change majors</li> <li>• <b>Increased complexity in transfer planning</b> for some students</li> </ul>

### ADVISING NOTES

1. The "60 units after transfer" pertains to the major/degree requirements only; students who change majors after transfer or seek additional awards (such as a minor) may need to complete more than 60 units.
2. The "60 unit" limitations pertain to degree requirements, not student course taking; students who have completed more than 60 total units may still earn an AA-T/AS-T.
3. CSU campuses may restrict enrollment to admit only those students with an AA-T/AS-T during certain terms (e.g. Spring 2013).
4. CCC campuses are required to accept equivalent C-ID designated courses and encouraged to accept other courses completed at other campuses in fulfillment of AA-T/AS-T major requirements.

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## AA-T / AS-T Advising Flowchart



\* "Similar" means that for students earning an AA-T/AS-T in the appropriate major, the CSU campus:

1. Will apply at least the minimum agreed-upon SB-1440 admission benefits.
2. Can require no more than 60 units after transfer in order to complete the bachelor's degree in an aligned CSU major or specialization at that CSU campus.

See [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) for a list of CSUs that have deemed the AA-T/AS-T similar for the student's major.