

# ENGLISH

## Program Description

View on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8RA6txX2yg>)

Language is power. In English and Literature, we ask relevant questions to understand how power works and for what purposes. We explore meanings and unearth assumptions by analyzing issues that demand attention, such as race, religion, sex, gender, and class. We delve into fiction, drama, poetry, and non-fiction to grow, learn how to navigate uncertainty, and build empathy. We offer spaces where you can engage in academic and creative thinking and writing. We do this because we know strong reading, writing, and thinking skills will empower you to be a leader in your community and in a wide range of careers. Most importantly, we strive to help you develop your voice so you can be heard.

English Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/english/>)

## Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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## Degrees/Certificates

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#### Transfer Degree

- English, A.A.-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/english/english-aat/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Present a clear, reasoned, well supported, clearly organized argument, demonstrating college-level writing skills.
- Recognize writing as a process of developing, drafting, revising, and editing.

- Conduct research appropriate to a narrowly specific topic, understanding how to find and evaluate the credibility of sources, incorporating information, concepts and ideas from outside sources through summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting to develop strong, well-supported arguments, citing sources according to Modern Language Association guidelines.
- Analyze text, recognizing the arguments presented, and construct an effective, argumentative or persuasive response, synthesizing information, concepts, and ideas from various sources and including that knowledge in effective, well reasoned arguments.
- Demonstrate understanding of acknowledged methods of critical thinking and analysis of literature.
- Analyze a variety of literary genres in their social, cultural and historical context.
- Evaluate the artistic contributions made by writers in the English, American and world literary traditions by analyzing the stylistic, formal, and thematic elements of their works.

## Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Postsecondary English Teachers (M, D)	\$103,403	22,174*
Librarians (M)	\$78,811	1,340
Technical Writers (B)	\$99,209	702
Editors (B, M)	\$88,846	2,673
Public Relations Specialists (B, M)	\$75,774	3,334

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)

\*All Postsecondary Teaching Positions