

ECCTYC Resolution

Calling for Maintenance and Expansion of English AA Degrees at California's Community Colleges

Whereas most literature classes fulfill the general education humanities requirement at community colleges and are approved for transferable elective or major credit—regardless of one's vocational or academic major; and

Whereas employers have discovered that English majors at any level (AA, BA, MA, PhD) develop competencies that are in high demand in any vocation, including good verbal and written communication skills, strong analytical and problem solving aptitude, superb organizational and research abilities, valuable creative and innovative thinking skills, and a developed sense of information competency; and

Whereas the English AA offered by California Community Colleges provides a valuable stepping stone to many majors and lifetime careers outside of teaching, library work, or law, and a growing number of students view the English major as a pre-professional degree that enhances their ability to write, read, think, and speak more effectively; and

Whereas English is not a commodity but an investment in future generations; and

Whereas the English AA could be decimated at California Community Colleges as a result of pressure not to offer a range of literature courses; and

Whereas any decrease in the number of English AA programs would constitute a grave disservice to community college students now and in the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that ECCTYC commend current English AA programs in California Community Colleges; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ECCTYC encourage district policies across the state that will insure their continuance; and be it still further

RESOLVED, that ECCTYC urge California Community College English departments that do not offer students the option of an English AA degree to develop one.

ECCTYC Board of Directors
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