

VOICE WRITING THEORY

Court Reporting Program

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Course

- ▶ Title: Voice Writing Theory
- ▶ Prefix: COUR
- ▶ Numbering: TBD
- ▶ Units and hours: 3 units; 3 hours a week
- ▶ Modality: DE
- ▶ TOPS code 0514.30 (Court Reporting)

Program

- ▶ COURT REPORTING
- ▶ Degree type: Skills Certificate
- ▶ Units range: 3 units
- ▶ TOPS code: 0514.30

BASIC INFO

Course

- ▶ Title: Voice Writing Theory
- ▶ Prefix: COUR 169A and B
- ▶ Numbering: TBD
- ▶ Current units and hours: 2 units; 2 hours a week
- ▶ Modality: DE
- ▶ TOPS code 0514.30 (Court Reporting)
- ▶ CONFLICT: COUR 169A is offered this semester. What would happen to COUR 169B.

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BASIC INFO – PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
CURRENT CLASS

[In September 2022], new legislation signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom allows the Court Reporters Board (Board) of California to license voice writers to work as certified court reporters. The passage of A.B. 156 now allows the Board to accept license applications from voice writers. The legislation would repeal a previous law that banned the Board from issuing certificates to voice writers. The hope is the new legislation will help alleviate pressure on courts struggling to find certified court reporters, as demand continues to outgrow supply.

Additional information about [A.B. 156](#) can be found [here](#).

Reference: The Court Reporters Board of California Website

https://www.courtreportersboard.ca.gov/lawsregs/voice_writers.shtml

HISTORY OF VOICE WRITING IN CALIFORNIA

Career Education courses provide you with industry informed, hands-on training and work-based learning experiences that prepare you for real-world success.

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Voice writing is an **emerging technology in California**. It offers our students the option of using another modality to enter the court reporting profession.

This class would be included in our skills certificates.

APPROPRIATENESS TO COLLEGE OF MARIN MISSION



EXCERPTS from our **Advisory Committee Meeting** in June 2023:

Much of the committee's discussion revolved around voice writing. The committee offered the following:

- Preparing students with voice writing (v/w) from the beginning all the way through the complete program is important. Speed builders can begin learning now.
- West Valley has been teaching v/w for a couple of years and they already have a wait list for Fall 2023.
- We would probably have up to 50 people interested in learning voice writing.
- The job opportunities and licenses for v/w is exactly the same as Certified Shorthand Recording (CSR).
- Students are more likely to pass through because there lacks a "language" barrier that steno dictation requires.
- National Association for CSR reports an 80 – 90% pass rate for v/w which is much higher than CSR steno only.

DEMONSTRABLE NEED

- ▶ Voice writing theory is analogous to our machine steno theory. It is the starting place for students.
- ▶ Once a student completes either machine theory or voice theory, the pathway through the remaining classes in our program is the same.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS



- ▶ Two instructors have been training with Jennifer Thompson from the Vox Academy.
- ▶ The lessons have included learning Dragon Software (voice to text), Eclipse (Court Reporting software), and the components of voice writing (voice mask, sound card, etc.)

RESOURCES



- ▶ Address any or all that is applicable:
 - ▶ Prerequisite or enrollment limitation
 - ▶ Repetition and repeatability
 - ▶ Tutoring or learning assistance (support classes)
 - ▶ Student fees (material fees)
 - ▶ Open-entry open-exit course (for noncredit)
 - ▶ Special class (SAS)
 - ▶ Aligned with accreditation or regulators (e.g. BRN, Court reporting)

COMPLIANCE



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- Open to Machine Stenographers and Voice Writers •

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- Realtime certification bonus 5.5%

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- \$50,000 Signing Bonus for Newly Hired Official Court Reporters (Over two years)
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- Court Reporter floater bonus 5% per pay period

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