

ASSIST Transfer Channel



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Letter from the Director

Welcome to the first edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel, a semi-annual newsletter for counselors, advisors, faculty, evaluators, articulation officers, and everyone else who is interested in the latest information about ASSIST.

As you've all seen by now, the ASSIST web site has undergone some big changes. We said goodbye to the "Backpacker" who graced the splash page for the past six years. After successfully transferring the perfect 60 units (that all applied to GE and major requirements) our student graduated with a bachelor's degree and is working somewhere in cyberspace making lots of money and giving back to the community by encouraging more students to use ASSIST as they plan to transfer.

There are some other key changes you've seen, all of which are aimed at clarifying the purpose of the ASSIST web site and making it easier to use. The most important change is that all prompting for reports has been consolidated onto one page so that users can see all of their choices at once and new users don't feel like they're navigating through some crazy maze.

All of the articulation reports in ASSIST are the same as before (plus some new ones discussed in the "ASSIST – New and Improved" article of this newsletter) and you can still get printed reports by clicking the "Print Report" button.

The Exploring Majors feature is now more prominent. If you haven't used it yet, check it out by clicking the "Explore Majors" button on the Welcome page. There's only data on UC majors right now but we're working hard on adding information for all CSU campuses to better serve more students.

We'll continue to make some minor adjustments to the look and language of the site, but the basic functionality will remain stable. And, in case you haven't noticed, you will probably have to update your bookmarks (and web links) for ASSIST so they reference the new site.

Thanks to all the staff at the ASSIST Coordination Site for their hard work on this project – we've received a lot of very positive feedback on the redesigned site.

On a more mundane matter, funding for ASSIST in 04-05 remained the same as in 03-04. Coupled with a few specially funded projects we've been working on, there is enough funding to maintain basic ASSIST operations throughout the year. We're keeping our fingers crossed that there will be no cuts for 05-06.

We're e-mailing the first edition of this newsletter to many of our colleagues but we would appreciate your forwarding it on to any others at your campus who might be interested. If you would like to have future editions of the ASSIST Transfer Channel automatically delivered to your e-mail, please check out the Subscribe section of this edition for instructions.

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Lastly, one feature that we plan to include in each edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel is a special section for students that you can print and hand out in transfer centers and other key places on campus. In this edition you'll find a handy beginner's guide for new users under the heading "Using ASSIST."

Thanks for your continued support of ASSIST and please feel free to contact any of us at (949) 824-4385 if you have comments or questions.

Tune into the next edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel in February 2005 - until then...

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