

ASSIST Transfer Channel



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ASSIST: New and Improved

This fall, ASSIST is sporting a new look with easier access to articulation and new transfer related information. The new design gives users more information about ASSIST right from the start. We want to give students information up front about what is available in ASSIST as well as links to related sites that they may actually be seeking.

Redesigned Home and Selection Pages

The redesigned ASSIST home page contains a variety of new features that provide quick access to transfer information. The center area of the home page has a brief explanation of ASSIST and prompts where users choose one of two paths to transfer information. The first path goes directly to articulation information. The second path presents major options at UC and CSU campuses and provides access to articulation information for the majors.

The new and improved sidebar allows students and advisors to quickly see the types of transfer information available in ASSIST. When the mouse pointer is moved over any topic, a brief explanation of that topic is shown in the right-hand sidebar. Clicking the link displays the help page for that topic with a more detailed explanation.

In addition to information about the data contained in ASSIST, we have also included information and links about other transfer-related topics. Our experience has shown that students often come to ASSIST looking for information about admissions, financial aid, or other transfer-related programs. Links to appropriate web sites that offer help on these subjects are accessible from every page.

Exploring Majors

Exploring Majors, accessible from the ASSIST home page, provides several paths for students to investigate major options at UC and CSU campuses. Students who have yet to select a major can begin searching a variety of areas of study and then narrow their search by choosing from the disciplines offered in an area. If students are drawn to a particular UC or CSU campus, they can see the majors offered at that institution. And finally, if a student knows which community college they are going to attend, they can look at the articulation available with that community college for specific majors.

Information about UC majors has been available in ASSIST for the past year and the data for CSU majors will be available later this fall. This new option is a logical evolution for ASSIST because students are encouraged to complete major preparation prior to transfer. The additional information about majors provides a better context for major preparation articulation.

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New Reports

To add to the ever growing ASSIST repository of transfer information, ASSIST provides two new articulation reports this year. The first is the CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals report. CSU students must complete courses in U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals prior to graduation and may take the courses to fulfill this requirement while attending a community college. The new ASSIST report identifies the community college courses that fulfill this requirement.

Also new in ASSIST is the UC Transfer Admissions Eligibility Course report. A student who wishes to be admitted to the University of California as a transfer student must complete a pattern of coursework for minimum admissions eligibility. The community college courses which fulfill this pattern of coursework are also now available in ASSIST.

Remember that bookmarks and web links for reports from the previous version of ASSIST will need to be updated to link to the new ASSIST.

So, Check Us Out

We believe the new and improved ASSIST is more useful and user friendly than ever. If you haven't seen the new design, check us out at www.assist.org and let us hear from you. We are always interested in your feedback.