

ASSIST Transfer Channel



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ASSIST Overview

For those of you who are new to ASSIST, here is a brief overview that introduces you to our beginnings, what ASSIST provides, and the kind of information you'll find in ASSIST.

ASSIST Mission

Our mission at ASSIST is to facilitate the transfer of California Community College students to California's public four-year universities by providing an online system for academic planning that delivers accurate, timely, and complete information and operates as the official repository of articulation information for the state of California.

Organization and Structure

ASSIST was created in 1985. It is a joint collaboration of the University of California, the California State Universities, and the California Community Colleges.

ASSIST is funded by the California state legislature. A Board of Directors, made up of representatives from each of the public postsecondary educational segments, oversees development and establishes policy for ASSIST. The daily implementation and project operations are managed by the ASSIST Coordination Site with a staff of 11 employees.

What ASSIST Provides

ASSIST is an online transfer information resource designed with the primary purpose of helping California Community College students plan for transferring to a University of California or California State University campus.

More specifically, ASSIST provides students with information about how courses completed at a California Community College can be applied toward academic goals when transferred to a California university. (ASSIST does not provide information about private or out-of-state schools.) Students are able to look up the public university they want to attend and see the courses that can be transferred for credit between any California Community College and university. Students who have decided on their academic goals can see which courses will receive credit when transferred, what kind of credit is given, and how it can be applied toward their academic goals at the university campus. ASSIST also provides access to information and web sites related to transfer.

In addition, students who are undecided about their major can now explore majors at UC and CSU campuses using the new Exploring Majors path in ASSIST. This feature provides information about the most popular majors on university campuses as well as links to the campuses that offer the majors so students can learn more about majors from the campus web sites. The Exploring Majors path also allows

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students to display course transfer information between a community college and the university that offers the major they choose.

The transfer information in ASSIST is displayed in reports for the type of information, academic year(s), and institutions that were selected. The types of reports available in ASSIST are listed below:

Agreements between two campuses
(for majors, departments, and general education)

IGETC Lists

CSU-GE Breadth Certification Courses

UC and CSU Transferable courses

UC Transfer Admissions Eligibility courses

CSU US American History, Constitution, and American Ideals courses

Updates to Information in ASSIST

ASSIST includes several types of course transfer information. The various types of information are reviewed, approved, and entered by the community colleges and universities as appropriate.

Articulation agreements in ASSIST, which are typically between a university campus and community college, are updated by each university campus based on the campus's policies. Updates to articulation are often published at the beginning of an academic year but may occur at any time. Check ASSIST regularly for the most current data rather than relying on report printouts that may be out of date.