

ASSIST Transfer Channel

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From the Director

Welcome to the third 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.

We're e-mailing this edition via the new ASSIST-Channel-L@uci.edu e-mail listserv and we would appreciate your forwarding it on to any others at your campus who you think might be interested. We've also posted a copy on the ASSIST Information Center at <http://info.assist.org/transferchannel.html>. If any one would like to have future editions of the ASSIST Transfer Channel automatically delivered to their e-mail, please check out the Subscribe section of this edition for instructions.

This edition includes another special section for students titled "Transferable vs Articulated" that helps to clarify and differentiate these two important terms for students preparing to transfer. Feel free to print copies of this article and hand them out in transfer centers and other key places on campus.

In March 2005 the ASSIST Exploring Majors feature became even more useful to California students, counselors, and transfer advisors when we activated new data and programming so that all CSU campuses and their majors are now included. With complete listings of all UC and CSU campus majors (and links to any articulation established with respective community colleges) this feature provides exciting new ways to compare majors across the State and more easily access related course articulation. If you haven't explored all of the main paths through this component of ASSIST (majors, university campuses, and Community Colleges), I encourage you to do so. Each path provides helpful tools that you can use when advising transfer students. ASSIST Coordination Site staff will be demonstrating the ASSIST Exploring Majors feature at all of the fall 2005 CSU and UC community college counselor conferences.

As some of you may already know, during this coming October and November a professional research company will be conducting an ASSIST-user-needs assessment. This study will collect information from students, counselors, and other ASSIST users on a variety of topics to help guide future improvements to ASSIST. Once the ASSIST Board receives the report of findings, we will publish it on the ASSIST Information Center Web site so that anyone who's interested can read it. This information will be key to developing new plans for the 2006-2008 ASSIST Strategic Plan. If you don't get

called to participate in the study directly, feel free to e-mail me at eric@assist.org with your ideas for improving ASSIST.

Lastly, I know that all of you are following developments with CSU's new Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) initiative. One aspect of LDTP will be specific college-to-university course articulation for LDTP statewide and campus-specific university major preparation requirements. Since ASSIST is California's official repository of course articulation, CSU has already committed that all LDTP course articulation will be stored in and presented via ASSIST. We are working with an intersegmental advisory group to determine precisely how this new course articulation is to be presented and we will be sharing this information broadly once it is established.

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. You can tune into the next edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel in Spring 2006 - until then ...

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