

# ASSIST Transfer Channel

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## When is Data for My School Published?

We are often asked when new or updated articulation information will be available in ASSIST. Such a simple question does not have an easy answer. Almost all of the information in ASSIST is updated on a yearly basis; however, there are a variety of timelines and processes followed for the different types of data. Hopefully, the following paragraphs offer some answers and, when a specific date cannot be given, at least a general idea of when articulation is published each year and what to expect.

**Campus-to-Campus Articulation:** Articulation between universities and community colleges is developed and updated by the individual UC and CSU campus. Each university determines its own timeline for updating the articulation during the academic year. Each time a UC or CSU publishes articulation information, the ASSIST contact at the community college is notified that the data has been published.

Other articulation in ASSIST is updated by the UC and/or CSU System offices on a yearly basis. The following overview explains the timing for making that data available:

**CSU Baccalaureate Lists:** CSU Baccalaureate lists are published in May for the next academic year. Community colleges determine which of their courses will meet CSU baccalaureate level. Each April, community colleges are asked to update any curriculum additions or changes to their baccalaureate lists for the next academic year. When the update cycle is completed in the first week of May, the new baccalaureate lists are published in ASSIST. This allows any new information to be available to students who are planning their schedules for the next year and to make the information available to articulation officers who want to begin updating articulation agreements for the following year.

**UC Transferable Course Agreements:** UC Transferable Course Agreements, those courses that are transferable to any UC campus, are published July through November of the current academic year. The UC Office of the President staff updates the list of courses transferable to the University of California from California community colleges each year. All 109 lists are updated between June and October. Colleges sign up for an update month in the Spring. As soon as the review is complete, the TCA is sent to ASSIST for publication. All UC Transferable Course lists are published by the middle of November. If you want more specific information about when the list for your college will be published, contact your articulation officer to see in which month your TCA is updated.

IGETC, CSU GE/Breadth, CSU American Ideals Lists: These lists are published in May for the next academic year. Approvals for these lists are made by CSU (and UC for IGETC). Colleges may submit courses for review for any of these lists until mid-December each year. The UC and CSU system offices target April for completion of their reviews and email the community college articulation officers with the results as soon as the reviews are finalized. ASSIST publishes the new lists along with the new CSU Baccalaureate information in May.

Because it is very important for ASSIST to have accurate data available at all times, we publish updates and corrections daily. The articulation officer on your campus is made aware of changes made in ASSIST and can let you know about new information that has been published.

When CSU Baccalaureate, UC Transferable Course Agreements, IGETC, CSU GE/Breadth, or CSU American Ideals information is published, notification is sent out on the ASSIST-L list serv. Anyone can subscribe to the list serv to get information about what has been published. To subscribe to the ASSIST-L list serv, go to the ASSIST Information Center (<http://info.assist.org>), click "About ASSIST" and follow the link for ASSIST-L.

The enormous amount of articulation in ASSIST comes from a variety of sources. It's no small task and takes a lot of work from many people to get all of this information reviewed, approved, and entered into the ASSIST database. All of this makes it difficult to guarantee that all of the work will be done each year by a specific date. Hopefully this information gives you a realistic, although in some cases general, idea about when articulation information will be available each year in ASSIST.