

# ASSIST Transfer Channel

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## Five Questions

The ASSIST Web site offers users the opportunity to send feedback or questions to the ASSIST Coordination Site. While some of the questions concern the use of the site or the interpretation of the articulation, the overwhelming majority of the questions fall into one of five different categories. We know that counselors and advisors are familiar with this information, but we thought it would be useful to present the most common questions that we continue to get from students and our responses.

### 1. Where's the articulation for USC?

ASSIST is an intersegmental effort of the California Community Colleges, the California State University and the University of California. All of our funding comes from California taxes. Because we're publicly funded, there's no information for transfer from or to any private university in ASSIST. There is a policy that allows private universities to pay an annual fee and enter their articulation into ASSIST, but no private university has chosen to do that.

The only private institution with information in ASSIST is Marymount College, a private two-year college. Marymount College pays an annual fee to have their UC transferable courses, CSU transferable courses, IGETC list, CSU GE-Breadth Certification list, and other course data in ASSIST. In addition to the course data, universities can enter articulation with Marymount into ASSIST.

For articulation with private universities, like USC or Chapman, students need to contact their community college counselors and admissions advisors at the universities.

### 2. Where's the information for Arizona State? or Where's a site like ASSIST for my state?

ASSIST is funded with California tax dollars, so there's no information for transfer from or to any college or university outside of California in ASSIST. Since different laws govern educational policies in different states and countries, interstate and international transfer usually requires special evaluation from the university campus a student attends.

There are some Web sites that provide similar information for other states or that support interstate transfer between specific campuses. Students can usually find these sites by doing a Web search that includes words like transfer, articulation, and the home state of the university that a student plans to attend.

### **3. When will the articulation for next year be available?**

Articulation in ASSIST is entered and maintained by each university campus. Each campus updates and publishes its articulation on a schedule based on campus policies and priorities. Since each campus determines its own schedule, we can't predict when new articulation will be published.

The review of new requirements and new community college courses can be a complex and time-consuming process, and often the universities need to wait until an academic year has started to know about new majors on campus and new requirements. Additionally, different academic and professional schedules can mean that there can be delays when the universities request information from the community colleges.

Articulation doesn't typically change too much from year to year, so articulation from a prior year is generally a good guide for a current year. Universities try very hard to accommodate students that were following published articulation in ASSIST, but students should always contact an admissions advisor at the university if there is no current published articulation with their community college.

### **4. Where's the information for transfer between two university campuses?**

ASSIST is intended to support transfer from a California Community College to a CSU or UC campus. Each university is responsible for its own articulation, and they all concentrate on community colleges and especially on their primary feeder colleges. Some universities enter articulation with other universities, but there is relatively little university-to-university transfer information in ASSIST. For the best information, students should contact an admissions advisor at the campus they plan to attend.

### **5. Exactly which courses should I take?**

The ASSIST Coordination Site staff is not trained as academic advisors and we don't have access to any student records. We can't provide general academic advising or offer any guidance about which courses would be good choices for students. When a question like this comes in, we always advise students to talk to their community college counselor and to an admissions advisor at the university they plan to attend.

We hope that this summary of questions and answers will help everyone better understand the scope of the information in ASSIST. It may be useful, when advising students about the articulation and course transfer information that they will find in ASSIST to also share this information about what they won't find. erwise disabled, we have backup servers being updated nightly that are waiting in the wings to take over within a very short time.