

# Transfer tools:

Comparing ASSIST, UC TAP and the Program Pathways Mapper

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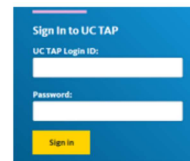
# Introduction

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- ~20 Years of UC admissions experience
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## Session outcomes

- A brief overview of three online resources you might use in advising students for UC
  - ASSIST.org
  - UC TAP
  - Program Pathways Mapper
- When you might want to use one versus others
- What each one does specifically
- Demo of each one



# ASSIST.org



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QR Code Link: <https://assist.org/>

# About ASSIST.org

- Mission: “Intended to help students and counselors work together to establish an appropriate path toward transferring from a public California community college to a public California university.”
- Partnership between CCC, CSU, and UC
  - Soon, California private and independent schools

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Introduction from ASSIST.org (<https://assist.org/>)

# ASSIST.org: Transferable courses

Search transferable courses

- CSU/UC Transferable courses (unit credit)
- CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses
- CSU History, Constitution
- IGETC areas
- UC Admission Eligibility courses

The screenshot shows a search interface with a purple header. The header text reads: "Search below for transferable courses" followed by a question mark icon, and "Courses approved for transfer and general education". Below the header, there are two dropdown menus: "Academic Year" with "2023-2024" selected, and "Community College" with "Select a Community College" as the placeholder. Below these are five radio button options: "CSU Transferable Courses", "CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses", "CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)", "IGETC for UC and CSU", "UC Transferable Courses", and "UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses". At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "View Transferability Lists".

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- Click one of the radio buttons to get a list of courses that meet that criteria
- You only need to select the CCC that courses are taken at.
  - Then select by department, prefix or UC Transferability Area
  - Use all departments or all areas to see all courses.
- Switch to demo of UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses to show what courses meet UC-E, UC-M and the Four other courses.

# ASSIST.org: Articulation

- Search for articulation agreements by campus –
  - Major
  - Department
  - General Education (GE)
- Not all institutions will publish all types of agreements
- Be cautious of warning messages indicating the selected year may not be available

The screenshot shows a search interface for articulation agreements. At the top, it says "Search below for articulation agreements" and "Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements". Below this are three dropdown menus: "Academic Year" (set to 2023-2024), "Institution" (set to "Select an Institution"), and "Agreements with Other Institutions" (set to "Select an Institution"). A "View Agreements" button is at the bottom.

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- For articulation agreements you have to select a source institution and a receiving institution.
- Some campuses may only publish major agreements. Some may not publish General Education. Others may publish all.
  - Items not published will be unselectable and greyed out.

# ASSIST.org: Major explorer

- Hosted by Los Medanos College
- Let applicants search career areas and disciplines to see which CSU or UC offers a compatible major.

Important Notes from ASSIST ^

**The 2023-2024 academic year is available**  
Modernized articulation agreements begin 2023-2024. Visit the [ASSIST Modernization Project](#) for information page, and view ASSIST [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for details.

**Navigating the ASSIST website**  
Click the link below for video tutorials, including a new [ASSIST Website Overview video](#)

**Exploring Majors**  
Click the link below to access an alternative search tool.  
[LMC Transfer Bound - Transfer Major Explorer](#)

Learn more about ASSIST

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Formerly part of ASSIST but now hosted by Los Medanos College, the major explorer is a tool you and your students can use to explore majors by area and discipline, see which CSU and UC campuses offer a major in those areas.

- Although it may not be fully updated at times, this is still a great resource for students exploring to get an idea of what college campuses may offer what they are interested in and what major name it might be under.



# ASSIST.org: Resource Center



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ARTICULATION OFFICERS ▾

DATA

FAQ

CONTACT

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- Students, faculty and staff

- User guide
- Videos
- Quick start guide
- FAQs



- Data

- Data extracts available
- Data sharing operations expansion plan

- Campus contact information

- Listed by system and campus
- Know who to contact if you have ASSIST questions for the campus

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- The Resource center (<https://resource.assist.org/>) offers several resources to help you with ASSIST.
- You can use the user guides to help staff, faculty or students learn how to use assist.
- Need Data from ASSIST? The Data center offers several files to help you import into other systems.
  - File #1 - UC Transferable Courses
  - File #2 - CSU Transferable Courses
  - File #3 - IGETC Approved Courses
  - File #4 - CSU GE Breadth Certification Courses
  - File #5 - CSU US History, Constitution and American Ideals Approved Courses
- Have a question regarding a specific campus agreement, think there is an error? The Campus contact information can help you find a contact if you don't already have one.

## ASSIST.org: The Good

- Partnership is now between California Community Colleges, CSU, UC and California Independent Institutions!
- Major templates display all lower-division courses for a degree in the major.
  - For students interested in going above the minimum. Will be better prepared for 2+2 transfer
  - Templates usually indicate which courses are required for admission
- Know what courses are transferable along with any limitations.

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- California private and independent schools will start with 2024-2025 year. Expect their templates and agreements to be published soon.

## ASSIST.org: Limitations

- Agreements are managed by the campus
  - Major template format isn't standard, but designed by the campus to meet their needs
  - Fits the campus needs on what prospective students need to know
  - Publish timelines vary by campus
- No information for students interested in transferring out of state or with out-of-state coursework.

- Watch for the warning that the current year isn't available to indicate that a campus hasn't published agreements for the current year.

### Other limitations not listed

- Might not display what general education courses are needed
  - System minimum requirements (7-course pattern/Golden Four) may be additional courses if not already listed.

## ASSIST.org: When to use

- Best for when a student has
  - Decided the major they want to study
  - Identified the campuses they want to prepare for
  - Completed coursework at CCC
- Great resource for
  - Admission-specific criteria
  - Major preparation by campus
- Translate TAG and admission required courses from to UC Courses to your courses

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- Not a comprehensive list of when to use ASSIST.org
- Since the campus publishes templates, you know you are receiving the most up-to-date admission information for the major.
- Often, a campus will publish (online and printed materials) the required courses for TAG or admission using their course numbers. Assist is helpful to determine which courses are at your school by using the major template or department list.

# UC Transfer Admission Planner

(UC TAP\*)

For Students



\*Not to be confused with UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) or UC Berkeley's Transfer Alliance Project (TAP)

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<https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>

UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP, <https://admission.ucla.edu/apply/transfer/ucla-transfer-alliance-program>) and UC Berkeley's Transfer Alliance Project (TAP, <https://cep.berkeley.edu/tap>) are both great support programs to assist students. We won't be discussing those programs. We will be focused on the UC Transfer Admissions Planner tool.

## About UC TAP

- Mission: UC TAP is a free online tool to help prospective UC transfer students track and plan their coursework.
- UC product
- Helps students track their progress toward meeting UC's admission requirements
- Allows UC and CCC staff to communicate important information to prospective transfer students

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- UC TAP was created by the UC Davis IT team (Thanks, Davis. Go Ags!)

# UC TAP: Students

- UC workshops and transfer counselor appointments
- Preliminary units and GPA
- Progress on UC 7-course pattern
- TAG application and TAG next steps/decision

## Welcome to UC TAP, Ruben

### Clovis Community College Student News

UC WORKSHOPS (Check back in the Fall term)

#### REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

##### UC Santa Barbara

Representative: contact admissions@ucsb.edu

##### Email Lila Mendoza to schedule an appointment: Im

Representative: Lila Mendoza

##### UC Merced One-on-One Appointments

Representative: Nancy Olguin

##### UC Santa Cruz One-on-One Appointments

Representative: Jenny Moreno

##### UC Davis One-on-One Appointments

Representative: Carolina Valero

##### UC Irvine One-on-One Appointments

Representative: Ashley Alejandre

##### UC Riverside One-on-One Appointments

Andrej Molchan

##### UC San Diego One-on-One Appointments

Representative: Edwin Valderrama

#### Coursework & exam summary

GPA & Units:	GPA:	Units(Sem/Qty)		
		Completed:	In Progress/Planned:	Total:
ASSIST Certified Courses: <sup>1</sup>	3.44	9.00/ 13.50	0	9.00/ 13
Non-ASSIST Certified Courses:	3.00	4.00/ 6.00	0	4.00/ 6.
<b>Total Courses:</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>13.00/ 19.50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13.00/ 19</b>

Advanced Placement (AP): 5.33/8.0

**Total Exams:<sup>2</sup> 5.33/8.0**

**Overall Total: 3.30 18.33/27**

#### Courses & Exams Satisfying the UC 7-Course Pattern:<sup>2</sup>

English Composition:  
ENGL 1A - Reading and Composition (Grade: A)

Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning:  
MATH 5A - Math Analysis I (Grade: B)

Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Physical and Biological Sciences:  
AP - U.S. History (Score: 3)

All of the above calculations (gpa and units) should be considered preliminary based on your self-reported information.

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- List of information available to students who create a UC TAP account.
- A quick view of student facing side of UC TAP and options available.

## UC TAP: CCC counselors

- Check the status of a student's TAG
- See all coursework that has been entered by the student from every institution attended
- View preliminary unit and GPA calculations, as well as completion of the 7-course pattern
- Communicate with individual students, and send notifications and reminders to specific subgroups of students

For CCC Staff



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- <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/>
- The UC TAP administrator at each CCC may have more abilities, especially with mass messaging students at their college.
- Note that UC Staff are also in UC TAP to work with students. If a campus reviews TAG submissions that review is completed and the decisions can be viewed as well.



## UC TAP: The Good

- Allows students to indicate campuses interested in.
  - Those campuses are likely to reach out and invite to transfer programs
- Campuses might review the student's submitted coursework and offer advising
- Same account/site to submit a UC TAG application
- Depending on your campus practices, you may be able to review coursework students have submitted
- Entered coursework may be imported into the UC Application

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- UC TAP is not required to apply to the University of California. Having an account does not affect a student's admission. However, the advising students might receive by having an account may help them prepare for a stronger application.
- Not Listed:
  - Allows CCC and UC to message students that have expressed an interest in UC.

# UC TAP: Limitations

- UC only
- Account required - Username and password
- Not the same account to submit a UC Application
- No official evaluation of non-CCC coursework

## Key filing dates and deadlines

### Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG):

- Fall 2025: filing period September 1-30, 2024
- Winter 2026: filing period May 1-31, 2025
- Spring 2026: filing period May 1-31, 2025

### Transfer Admission:

- Winter Quarter/Spring Semester 2025: filing period July 1-31, 2024
- Fall 2025: filing period October 1 - November 30, 2024

## Having trouble?

Contact us about technical problems with UC TAP

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- UC Only – Unlike assist CSU and independent colleges are not part of UC TAP.
- Although you can import the courses entered in the UC TAP into the UC Application, they do not share the same account. Students will need to create an ApplyUC account or re-use the one they might have when they applied as a first year
- UC TAP is a great resource when interested in UC but, it's not a place to provide an evaluation of non-CCC coursework.

## UC TAP: When to use

- When a student has decided they want to prepare for a UC campus.
- Before a student meets with a UC representative.
- When a student wants to submit a TAG application.
- Every Semester
  - Get ahead of submitting the UC application by having coursework ready to import.

- Not a comprehensive list of when to use UC TAP. If the student is interested in UC, encourage them to start a UC TAP.
- Some campus advisors may look at a student's UC TAP to review completed coursework and their interest before meeting with them, allows us to be more prepared to help the student.
- Every Semester – Keep UC TAP up to date.

# Program Pathways Mapper

(PPM)

Main PPM Site



UC Merced Mapper



Santa Barbara City College Mapper



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Main site: <https://programmapper.org/>

UC Merced Mapper: <https://programmap.ucmerced.edu/academics>

Santa Barbara City College Mapper: <https://degree-map.sbccc.edu/>

Views of a few different Program Pathways Mapper (PPM) sites show that each participating campus will have its own maps. It is not really a centralized site like UC TAP and ASSIST.org; instead, it will be managed by each campus. Although the main site has a list of participating campuses and links to those sites.

Participation in PPM is not required and is not fully adopted. As of August 2024 the PPM main site reports 55 CCC, 6 CSU, 2 UC and five out of state schools (Washington and Oregon).

## About PPM

- Mission: Connects the CCC, UC, and CSU systems so that students can view a map of intersegmental curricular pathways, easily transfer between segments, and reduce excess units taken on the path to degree or program completion
- Managed by the Foundation for California Community Colleges

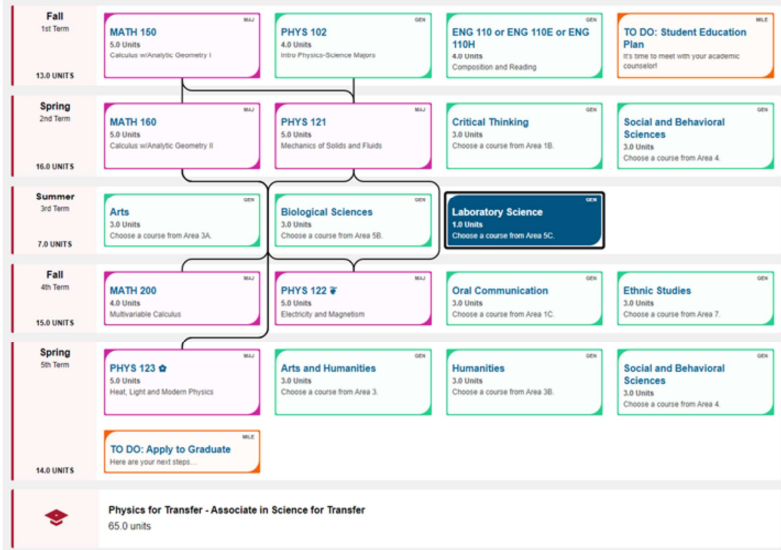
# PPM: Plan sample

Shows a pre-mapped plan for a student's intended major, to give them an idea of what that major would look like.

## Physics for Transfer - AS-T (IGETC)

Associate in Science for Transfer at Santa Barbara City College  
65.0 Units

■ Major Course ■ General Education Course ■ Elective Course ■ Milestone ■ Offers Microcredential



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- An example plan showing the CCC only plan.
- Show a demo of what a CCC PPM path looks like.

# PPM: Sample 2

Maps are designed by each host campus, so maps are for that campus's program.

- Unlike ASSIST, you see the CCC's courses. No need to convert.

**Economics**  
Associate in Arts for Transfer at Merced College  
60.0 Units

■ Major Course   
 ■ General Education Course   
 ■ Elective Course   
 ■ Milestone   
 ■ Offers Microcredential

<b>Fall 2023</b> 1st Term 15.0 UNITS	<b>MATH-10 or PSYC-05</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course	<b>ENGL-01A</b> 4.0 Units College Composition & Reading	<b>Oral Communication</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area A.1	<b>MATH-25</b> 3.0 Units Trigonometry
<b>Spring 2024</b> 2nd Term 15.0 UNITS	<b>Critical Thinking</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area A.3	<b>Life Sciences</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area B.2	<b>Arts</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area C.1	<b>CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement Sequence A</b> 3.0 Units Sequence A
<b>Fall 2024</b> 3rd Term 15.0 UNITS	<b>ECON-01</b> 3.0 Units Introduction to Macroeconomics	<b>MATH-03 or MATH-04A</b> 4.0 Units Choose a course	<b>List A</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course	<b>Physical Sciences</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area D.1
<b>Spring 2025</b> 4th Term 15.0 UNITS	<b>ECON-02</b> 3.0 Units Introduction to Macroeconomics	<b>List B</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course	<b>Lifelong Learning and Self-Development</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area E	<b>Ethnic Studies</b> 3.0 Units Choose a course from Area F

- Not all campus programs may be mapped, UC Merced has more than one engineering program. An example of looking at Merced College's maps for Engineering, only one 2+2 map to UC Merced is listed.
- Click on the boxes that show "Choose a course" to see a list of available courses that meet the requirement.
- Although the host campus designs the maps, any partnering school will review and approve the map for accuracy.

# PPM: Types of maps

- Maps from CCC side
- Maps from the CSU side
- Maps from UC side
- Maps from joint CCC and CSU/UC

**4th Term 2025**

- ECON-02** (3.0 Units, MAJ/GEN) - Introduction to Macroeconomics
- ACTG-04B or MATH-04B** (4.0 Units, MAJ) - Choose a course
- CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement Sequence A** (3.0 Units, GEN) - Sequence A
- IGETC / Area 7 / Ethnic Studies** (3.0 Units, GEN) - Choose a course
- Computer Application (UCM GE Requirement)** (3.0 Units, ELEC) - Choose a course
- UC IGETC Area 6 or 2-years HS Language other than English** (0.0 Units, ELEC) - Choose a course

**16.0 UNITS**

**Economics - Associate in Arts for Transfer**  
60.0 units

↓

**Economics - 2+2**  
Bachelor of Arts at UC Merced with transfer from Merced College  
60.0 Units

Legend: Major Course (MAJ), General Education Course (GEN), Elective Course (ELEC), Milestone (M), Offers Microcredential (MC)

**Fall 2025 5th Term**

- ECON 100** (4.0 Units, MAJ) - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 110** (4.0 Units, MAJ) - Econometrics
- Lower or Upper Division Elective: General** (4.0 Units, ELEC) - Choose a course

**16.0 UNITS**

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- An example of what a partner 2+2 plan looks like between the fourth term and fifth term when the student would transfer.
- Host campuses may be CCC, CSU or UC.
- CCCs can partner with CSU or UC campuses to produce these 2+2 plans, showing first two years at the CCC and the last two years at the partner four year university.
  - Course numbers for the first two years will show as the CCC courses. The last two years will show as the partner school's courses.



## PPM: The Good

- Gives students a good idea of what their two years at the CCC look like and what the additional two years at the four-year school look like.
- Lots of information about careers in the program area
  - Salary
  - Growth
  - Career options
- Each campus determines its own maps, so it is tailored for its population
- Link to make a counseling appointment (if available)

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- Salary, Growth and Career Options are displayed on the map for the program selected.

## PPM: Limitations

- Map doesn't indicate which courses meet major preparation or minimum admission requirements
  - These courses should be included in the plan.
- Extra advising may be needed if student “falls off” the designed path.
- Each campus determines its own maps and may not show all current offerings.
- May or may not show UC/CSU maps and may or may not show specific campus maps.

- Although maps created between the CCC and partner school should include all required courses, the map doesn't indicate which are required for admission versus which are required for the degree.
  - The map does indicate which courses are General Education, major courses, or elective courses
- If the student can't get into the courses mapped to the first term (pre-requisite issues) or has to retake courses due to a low grade the map may no longer be valid to follow. Extra advising may be required to create an Individual map offline.
- The maps released by the host campus, may not reflect all viable transfer options.

## PPM: When to use

- Great for students still exploring majors and campuses.
- Can see what the program's first two years look like at their CCC for several major options.
- May be able to see what all four years look like
- Provides statistics on salary, growth, and careers for the degree area.

- With the maps categorized by degree areas and including certificates, it's a great start for students to start exploring programs.
- The map provides a nice visual of what courses should be taken first and gives a nice start of their two or four year plan.

## Side by side

### ASSIST

- No login required
- CCC, CSU and UC
- Information about:
  - Course transferability
  - Major preparation
  - IGETC/GE

### UC TAP

- Login required
- UC only
- Information about:
  - UC Transferable Courses
  - UC 7-course pattern
  - UC support
  - TAG

### PPM

- No login required
- Hosting campus only
  - May have partnership maps
  - Map is likely to include GE
- Information about:
  - Paths to 2-year degrees
  - Paths to 2+2 degrees
  - Salary, growth and careers

- To summarize, looking at all three tools side by side.

# Thank you

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