

I'm just a course! The UC transfer journey

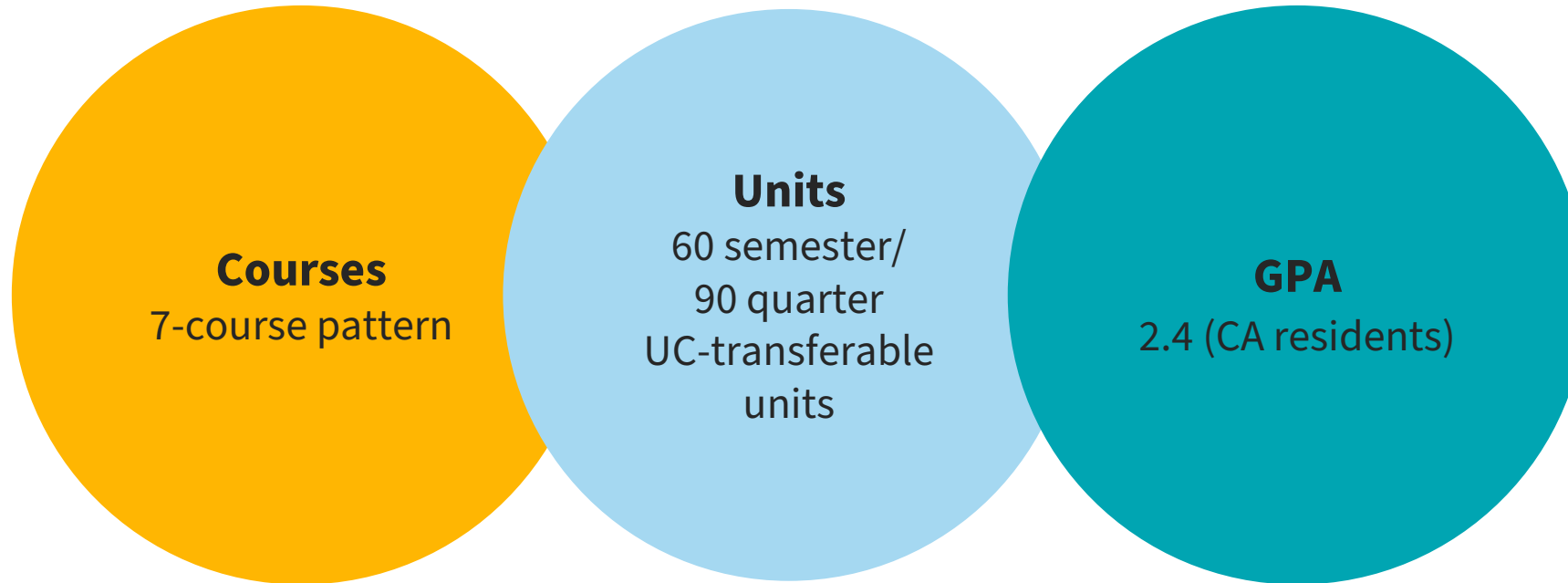
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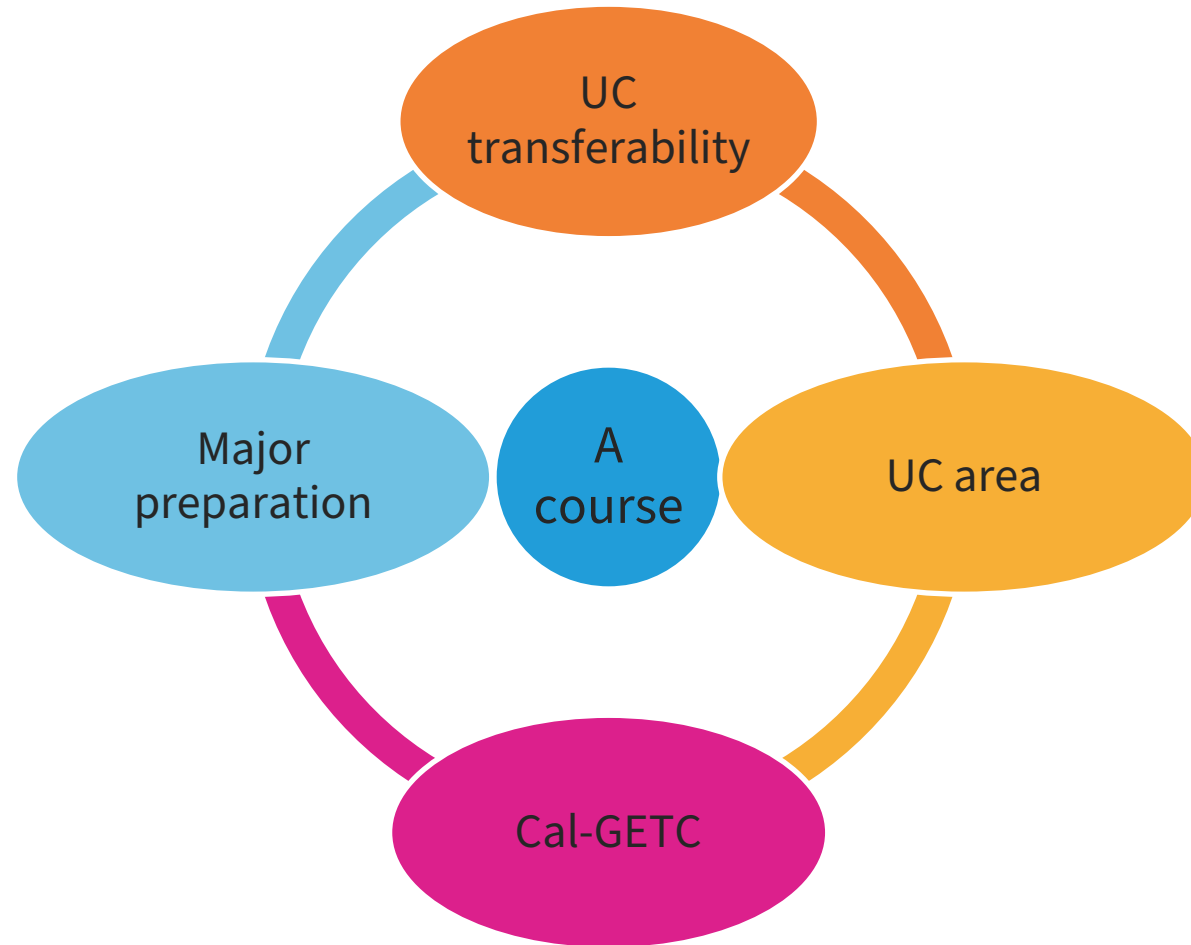
Agenda

- I. A course and its multiple paths
- II. How a bill becomes a law
- III. Importance of a course's journey for UC transfer
- IV. Working together
- V. Resources

The foundation: Junior transfer admission requirements



A CCC course and its multiple paths



The transferability of courses is essential to the transfer process. A single course can be reviewed for a variety of considerations.

Courses can be...

Transferable

- Count towards meeting admission requirements
- Apply towards graduation requirements

Articulated

- Count towards meeting admission requirements and equivalent to major courses at UCs
- Apply towards major degree requirements

Levels of review



UC Office of the President

Transfer Course Agreements: UC transferability, UC area, and Cal-GETC (in partnership)



UC articulation officers

Facilitator role:

Articulation agreements (major, department and GE)



Academic/departamental advisors
at UC campuses

Articulation agreements (major, department and GE)



Faculty

Course equivalencies

It all comes together in ASSIST



The official course transfer and articulation system for
California colleges and universities

ASSIST is here to help

i ASSIST does not take the place of a counselor on your campus. It is intended to help students and counselors work together to establish an appropriate path toward transferring from a public California community college to a California university.

Important Notes from ASSIST

New! 2025-2026 Transferable Course Lists and Articulation Agreements

Transferable course lists for 2025-2026 are available, and articulation agreements for 2025-2026 are currently being published. Please view the ASSIST [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for

ASSIST Feedback Survey

Frequently Asked Questions



Search below for articulation agreements

Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements

Academic Year

2025-2026

Institution

Select an institution

CCC, CSU, UC, or Independent

Agreements with Other Institutions

Select an institution

View Agreements

Search below for transferable courses

Courses approved for transfer and general education

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2025-2026

Community College

Select a Community College

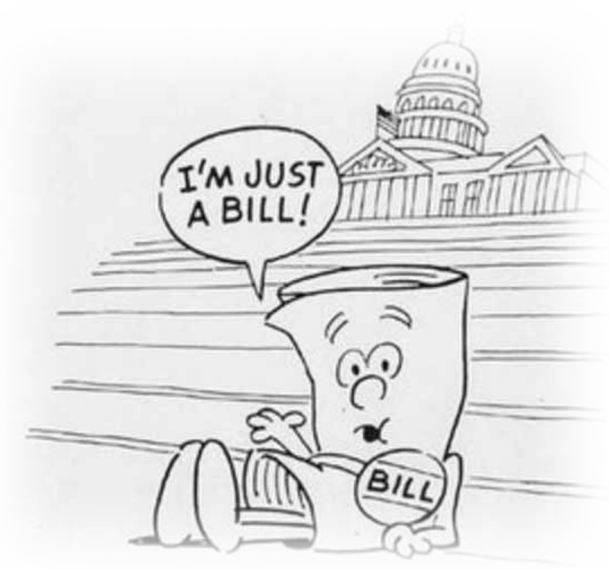
- ☐ CSU Transferable Courses
- ☐ CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses
- ☐ CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)
- ☐ Cal-GETC for UC and CSU
- ☐ IGETC for UC and CSU
- ☐ UC Transferable Courses
- ☐ UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses

View Transferability Lists

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How a bill becomes a law

A course's journey

Background: Transfer articulation review cycles

JUNE – SEPTEMBER

- UC Transfer Course Agreement (TCA) submission and review
- UC transferability
- UC eligibility area approval (7-course pattern)
- Appeals: October 1 – 10

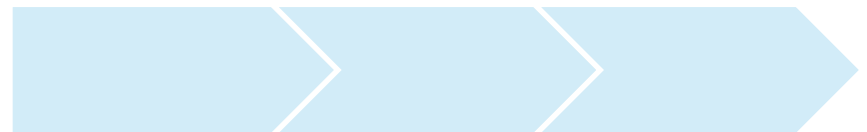
DECEMBER – APRIL/MAY

- Cal-GETC submission and review
- Fulfillment of Cal-GETC general education area (Cal-GETC Standards)
- Areas 1 – 6
- Appeals: June 1 – 10

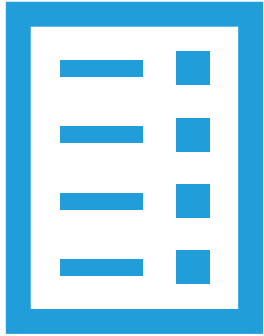
The starting point: Course outline of record

The CCC articulation officer submits a **course outline of record (COR)** which **includes:**

- a) Course identifiers
- b) Dates of approval and effective term
- c) Course description including lecture and/or lab hours, and prerequisites
- d) Course objectives and course content
- e) Methods of instruction and evaluation
- f) Texts and readings
- g) Assignments



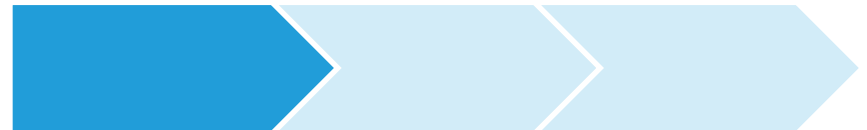
The review: UC transferability



The Transfer Articulation team at UCOP reviews the COR for **Transfer Course Agreements** (TCAs):

- UC transferability
- UC area designation (7-course pattern)

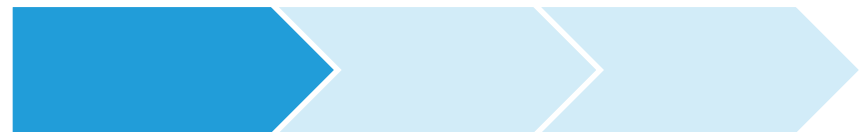
Resources used: Regulations by subject area established by BOARS, course catalogs and course outlines



Transfer Course Agreement (TCA) policy

A course may be **transferable** if it is appropriate for a university degree in terms of depth, scope, and rigor. A course that is comparable to a lower-division course offered at one or more UC campuses is transferable.

These guidelines should be used in conjunction with the general criteria contained within UC's Transfer Credit Practices



UC's Transfer Credit Practices

Courses determined to be essentially the same as courses offered for an undergraduate degree at any UC campus will be awarded credit if the course:



Is listed in the institution's catalog during the correct academic year



Includes the same or similar content



Requires the same or similar prerequisite coursework



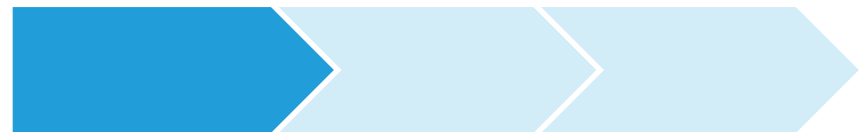
Is offered at the same level of instruction

Regulations by subject area

- Subject areas are listed alphabetically
- Guidelines pertain to lower division courses and contain detailed information on what makes a course transferable or non-transferable
 - Can include details on pre-requisites and/or laboratory or field component



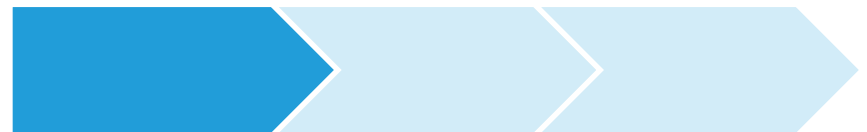
Articulation is an art, not a science. The regulations are used in conjunction with several resources to make transferability determinations.



Regulation by subject area example: Social sciences

Transferable courses:

- Academic in content, focusing on research, theory, and analysis.
- Topics covered are integrated into the larger academic context of the course and do not simply consist of a list of isolated topics.
- Methods of assessment include a final exam or paper counting for a substantial part of the student's grade.



Common UC limitations

PE activity courses are limited to 4 semester/6 quarter units

PE theory courses are limited to 8 semester/12 quarter units

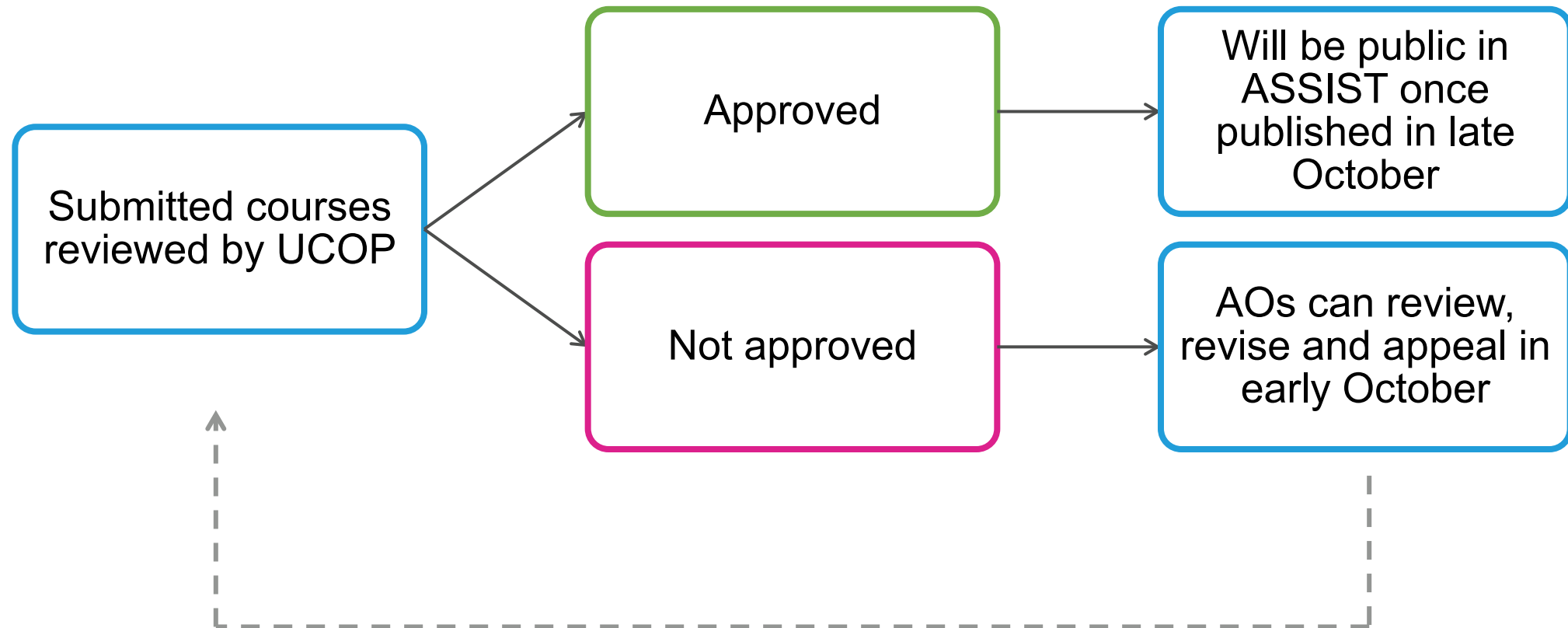
College algebra and pre-calculus combined are limited to one course or the other

Statistics is limited to one course

ESL is limited to 8 semester/12 quarter units

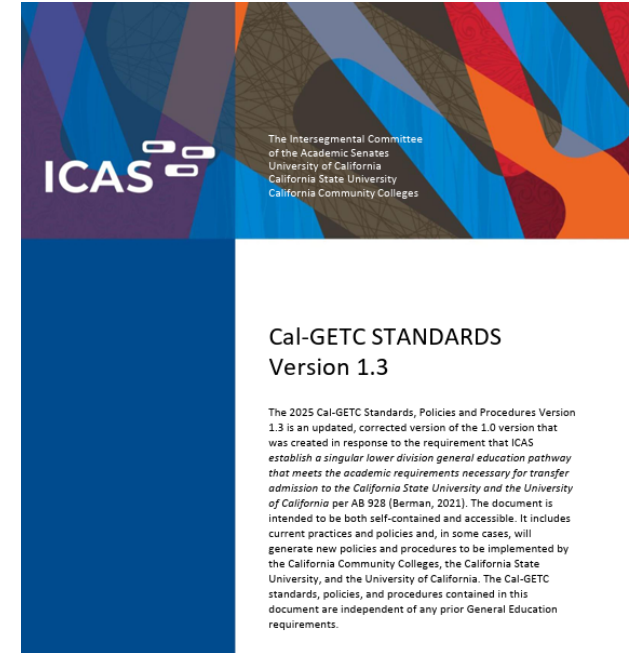
College counseling is limited to 3 semester/4.5 quarter units

UC transferability review



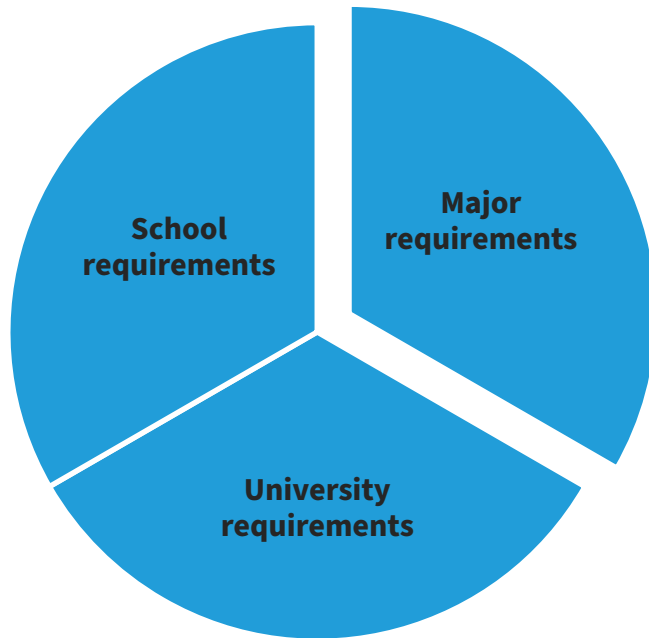
The review: Cal-GETC

- Standards include details on courses that can be used for Cal-GETC
- Courses must be both CSU and UC transferable
- Section 9 provides details on subject areas and course guidelines



Background: Bachelor's degrees at UC

A bachelor's degree at UC is comprised of:

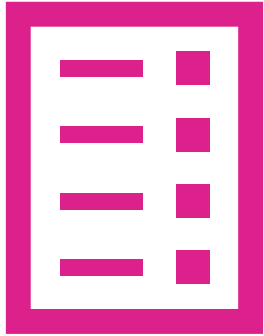


Major requirements:

- **Lower-division courses**
- Upper-division courses

Major articulation!

The review: Campus articulation



The articulation officer at a UC campus facilitates the course review process for **articulation agreements**:

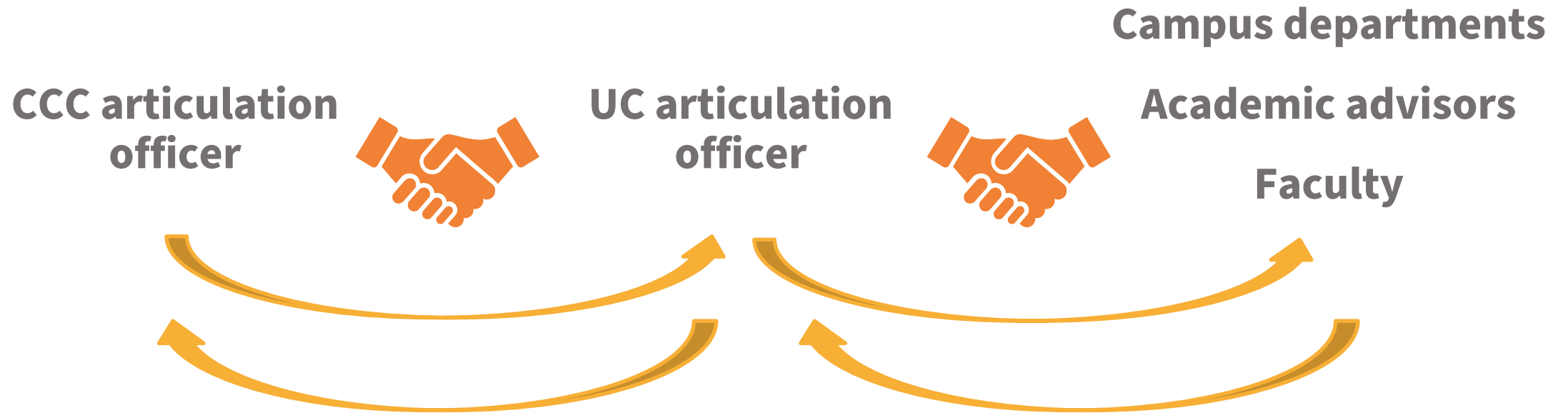
- Department agreements
 - Course-to-course articulation
- General education

Resources used:

- Campus-specific criteria
- Faculty guidance



A collaborative process



Major articulation baseline

Articulation officers utilize the lower-division major courses to establish articulation agreements.

- Required or recommended for admission
- Degree requirements to graduate

UCLA College | Humanities Spanish & Portuguese

SPANISH MAJOR

PREREQUISITES: To declare the Spanish Major, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0, must complete all lower division requirements, and must meet with the Department Counselor. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and students must obtain at least a "C" in all courses towards the major.

LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (3 courses)

- _____ Spanish 25 – Advanced Spanish Composition OR
- _____ Spanish 27 – Advanced Spanish Composition for Heritage Speakers
- _____ Spanish 42 – Iberian Cultures
- _____ Spanish 44 – Latin American Cultures

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (11 courses)

Introductory Level Literature:

- _____ Spanish 119 – Introduction to Literary Analysis
- _____ Spanish 120 – Literature in Historical Context

Advanced Level:

- _____ Spanish Course 100-199
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- _____ Spanish 191C – Senior Capstone Seminar

Enforced Requisites:

*SPAN 119 is the prerequisite course for all SPAN upper division elective courses except: SPAN 120, 155, 160, M165SP, M172SP, 191A, 191B, 195, 197, and 199.
*Upper courses SPAN 130, 135, 140, 150, 155, 160, 170, M172SP, 175, 180, and 191A/B can be taken up to 4 times max with a topic change.
*2 course substitutions max from an outside Dept are allowed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Undergraduate Counselor, where the focus of study of such courses must be the Spanish-speaking world.

Revised: September, 2022



Major Articulation Agreement

Spanish/B.A.

Effective during the 2024-2025 academic year

To: University of California, Los Angeles
2024-2025 General Catalog, Quarter

From: East Los Angeles College
2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

LOWER DIVISION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

1 Select 1 course from A

A	SPAN 25	Advanced Spanish Composition	4.00	←	No Course Articulated
A	SPAN 27	Advanced Spanish Composition for Heritage Speakers	4.00	←	No Course Articulated

2 Complete the following

A	SPAN 42	Iberian Cultures	5.00	←	No Course Articulated
A	SPAN 44	Latin American Cultures	5.00	←	No Course Articulated



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UC-transferable but not articulated

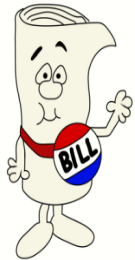
Simply put, faculty have reviewed the course and do not see it comparable to the courses they are teaching at their campus.

It's possible you'd see courses that seem like they would be sufficient, but the authority rests with faculty.



The end point: ASSIST

Transfer Course Agreements and **articulation agreements** provide students and counselors essential information for UC admission.



Importance of a course's journey for UC transfer

Admission relies on TCAs and articulation

Units

60 semester/90
quarter units

UC-transferable

7-course pattern

UC-transferable

UC area designation

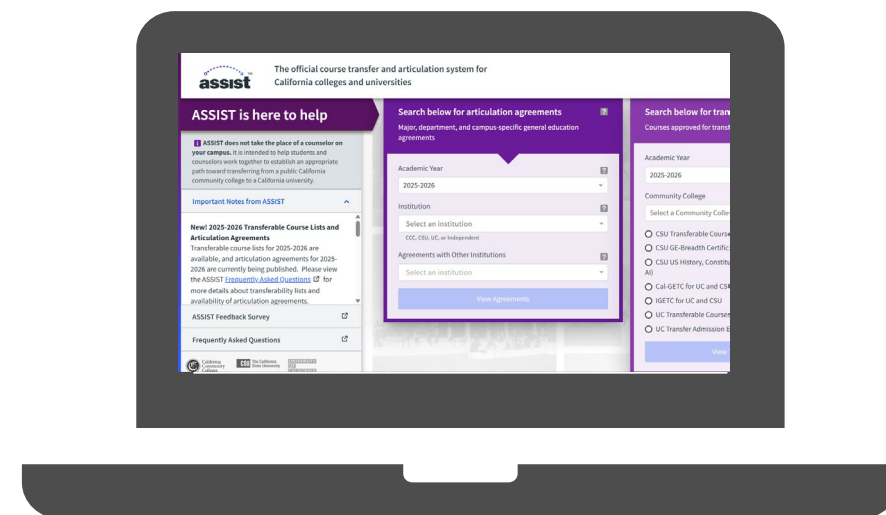
Major preparation

Appropriate
substitutions

Degree progress

ASSIST as a resource

- A central source and a wealth of information
- Very important for the transfer process
- Imports transferability information into the **UC Transfer Admission Planner** (UC TAP) and the **UC application**



UC-transferable course details on ASSIST

The screenshot shows the ASSIST system search interface. At the top, a purple header contains the text "Search below for transferable courses" and "Courses approved for transfer and general education". Below this, there are two dropdown menus: "Academic Year" with "2025-2026" selected, and "Community College" with "Select a Community College" selected. A list of radio button options is shown below the dropdowns, with a blue box highlighting the last four options: "Cal-GETC for UC and CSU", "IGETC for UC and CSU", "UC Transferable Courses", and "UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses". At the bottom of the form, there is a button labeled "View Transferability Lists".

- Courses and intersegmental GE patterns at each community college that are UC-transferable
- Important for meeting systemwide requirements
 - 7-course pattern
 - UC-transferable units
- Lists managed by Transfer Articulation at UCOP

UC Transfer Course Agreement details

UC Transfer Course Agreement (Chemistry)

Antelope Valley College

Academic Year 2024-2025



IMPORTANT

This agreement lists courses transferable for unit credit at all UC campuses.

It is based on information from the current California community college catalog and is valid for the academic year indicated at the top of this agreement.

Courses marked with "UC-" will satisfy the five areas of the seven-course requirements:

E = English, M = Math, H = Humanities, B = Behavioral and Social Sciences, S = Biological and Physical Sciences.

INFORMATION ABOUT UC'S TRANSFERABLE COURSE AGREEMENTS

Honors Course Credit Limitation

- Duplicate credit will not be awarded for both the honors and the regular versions of a course.
- Credit will be awarded only to the first course completed with a grade of C or better.

Course Repeatability

- An "ea" after the unit value of a course on this agreement is meant to indicate that the course may be repeated for credit under CCC campus policies.
- Since campus policies on repeatability vary, the "ea" indicator does not guarantee that UC will grant credit for every course that appears multiple times on a student's transcript. See the UC TCA for possible credit limitations.

UC Transfer Course Agreement – IGETC, units and UC area

Communication				
Course	Title	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
COMM 301	Introduction to Public Speaking	1C	3.00	
COMM 302	Persuasive Speech		3.00	
COMM 311	Argumentation and Debate		3.00	
COMM 321	Interpersonal Communication		3.00	
COMM 325	Intercultural Communication	4G	3.00	UC-B
COMM 331	Group Discussion	1C	3.00	
COMM 361	The Communication Experience	1C	3.00	
COMM 362	Mediated Communication Experience	1C	3.00	

Articulation agreements on ASSIST

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2025-2026

Institution ?
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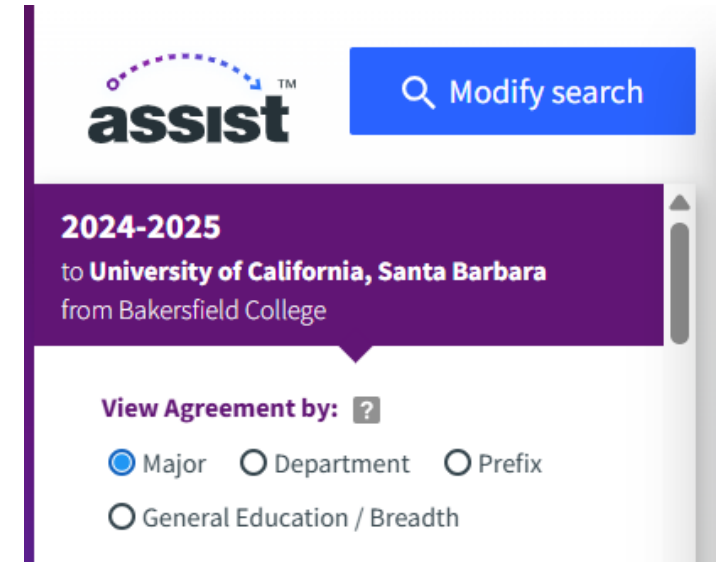
Agreements with Other Institutions ?
Select an institution

View Agreements

- Specific to the CCC and a UC
- Important for reviewing campus-specific articulation
 - Major
 - Department
 - General education
- Lists managed by each campus through their articulation officer

Many choices, which to choose?

- **Major:** Major preparation, or CCC courses that will satisfy major requirements
- **Department:** Course-to-course articulations or series articulations
- **Prefix:** A preference! Will also display course-to-course articulations or series articulations
- **General education:** Not all campuses have GE information, but can be helpful for students looking to meet campus-specific GE



Major articulation: General information

Major Articulation Agreement

Sociology, B.A.

Effective during the **2024-2025** academic year



To: University of California, Irvine
2024-2025 General Catalog, Quarter



From: San Diego Mesa College
2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

IMPORTANT MAJOR INFORMATION

There is no prerequisite course work required for admission to the Sociology major. The School of Social Sciences recommends that students complete IGETC prior to transfer and refer to the list of courses below that will fulfill UCI lower-division major requirements.

While not a requirement for admission purposes, all School of Social Sciences majors must satisfy a Mathematics Requirement and a computer education course. For full details, students should refer to the [UCI General Catalogue](#).

Students have three options for completing the Mathematics Requirement before enrolling at UCI:

- 1) One semester of calculus (*equivalent to UCI's MATH 2A*) and one semester of statistics (*equivalent to UCI's STATS 7 or MGMT 7*) **or**
- 2) Two quarters of calculus (*equivalent to UCI's MATH 2A and MATH 2B*) and one quarter of statistics (*equivalent to UCI's STATS 7 or MGMT 7*) **or**
- 3) One year of statistics (*equivalent to UCI's SOC SCI 10A, 10B and 10C*)

In addition to the School of Social Sciences Math Requirement, all students are required to take course work equivalent to I&C SCI 31 or SOC SCI 3A.

NOTE: In fulfillment of the requirements below, a single course may be used only once.

For information regarding the [AP and IB examination](#) credit policies refer to the UCI General Catalogue.

For more information regarding the UC Irvine Transfer Admission Guarantee Program, please visit [TAG](#)

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Major articulation: Selection criteria

Major Articulation Agreement

Economics, B.A.

Effective during the **2024-2025** academic year



To: University of California, Santa Barbara

2024-2025 General Catalog, Quarter



From: San Diego Mesa College

2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

ECONOMICS, B.A.

⚠️ ADMISSION SELECTION CRITERIA - To be admitted to the Pre-Economics major, transfer applicants must complete the following courses with a 2.75 or better grade point average, with no individual grade lower than C (in addition to general admission requirements):

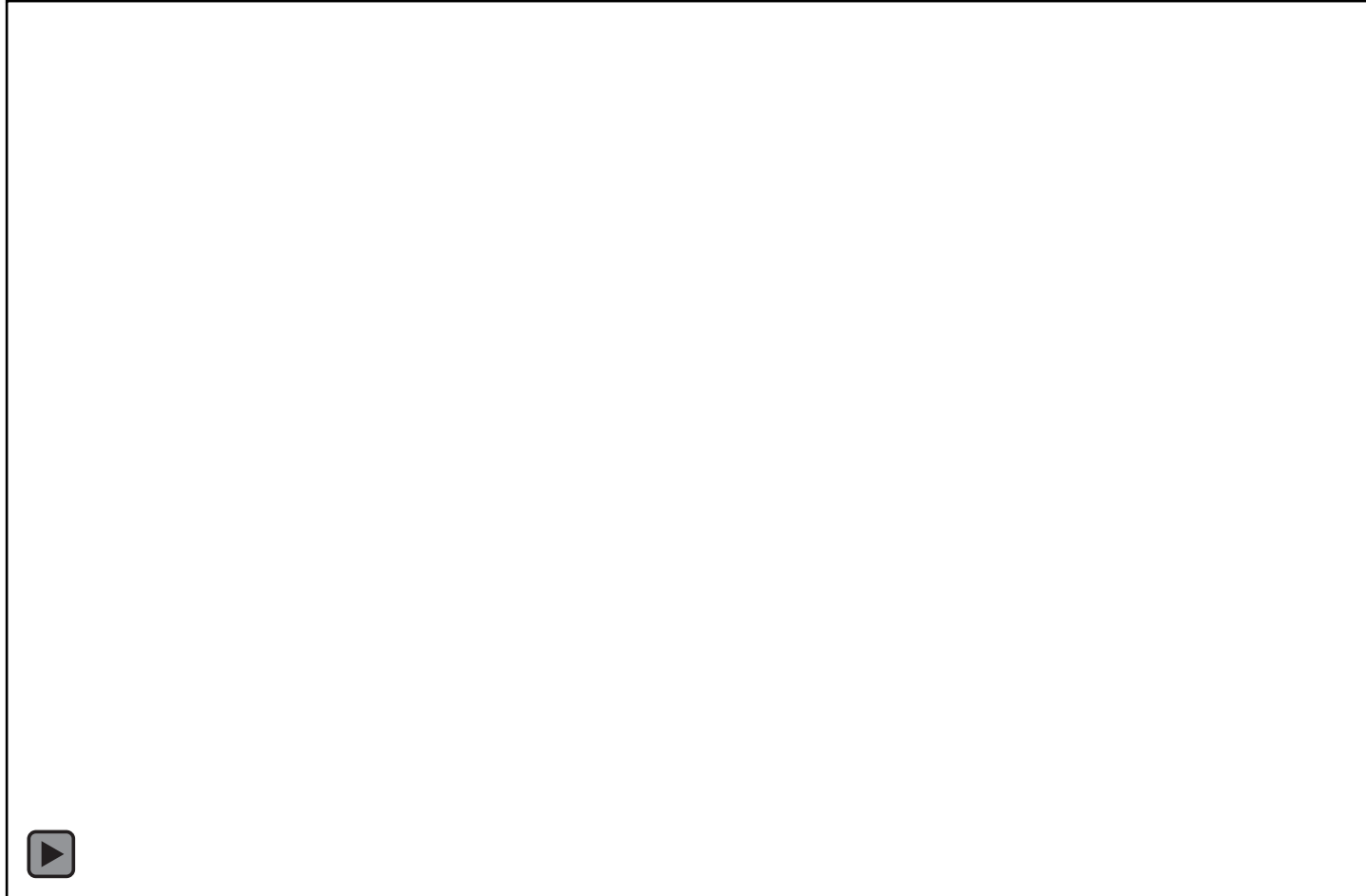
1. **Microeconomics** (the Advanced Placement Microeconomics exam will not satisfy this requirement)
2. **Macroeconomics** (the Advanced Placement Macroeconomics exam will not satisfy this requirement)
3. **Calculus courses articulating with UCSB's MATH 3A-3B or MATH 34A-34B** (a single course articulating with both MATH 34A and 34B is acceptable) **MATH 3A-3B is highly recommended over MATH 34A-34B**

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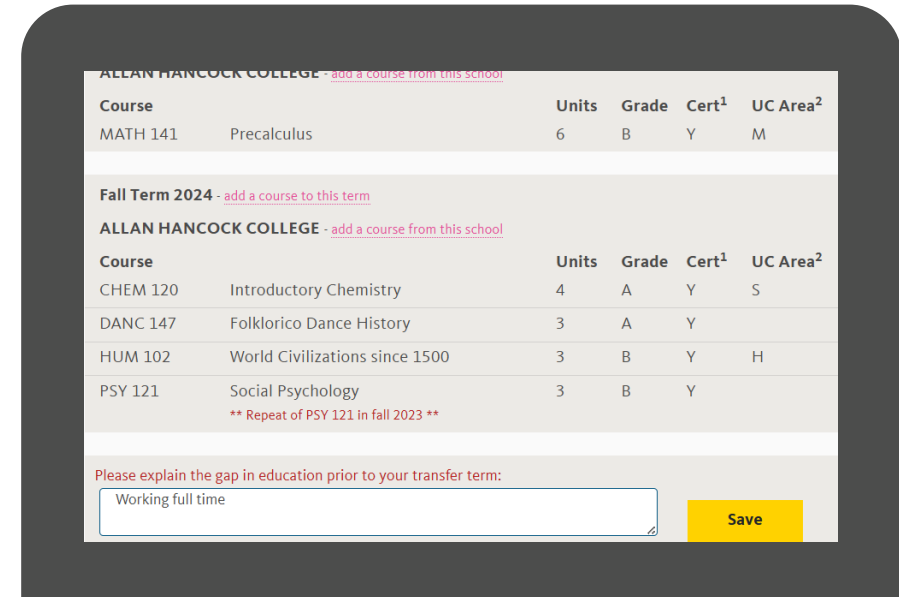
New! Side-by-side comparison



A CCC student wants to compare the same major agreement at two different 4-year institutions.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)

- Academic history:
 - Schools attended
 - Coursework
- UC TAP uses **ASSIST verified** information to calculate:
 - UC-transferable units
 - UC GPA
 - Completion of the 7-course pattern



The screenshot displays the UC TAP interface for Allan Hancock College. It shows a table of courses with columns for Course, Units, Grade, Cert¹, and UC Area². The first course listed is MATH 141, Precalculus, with 6 units, a grade of B, and a 'Y' in the Cert¹ column. Below this, there is a section for Fall Term 2024, also showing a table of courses. The courses listed are CHEM 120 (Introductory Chemistry, 4 units, A grade, Y in Cert¹, S in UC Area²), DANC 147 (Folklorico Dance History, 3 units, A grade, Y in Cert¹), HUM 102 (World Civilizations since 1500, 3 units, B grade, Y in Cert¹, H in UC Area²), and PSY 121 (Social Psychology, 3 units, B grade, Y in Cert¹). A note below the PSY 121 entry states "** Repeat of PSY 121 in fall 2023 **". At the bottom of the interface, there is a text box labeled "Please explain the gap in education prior to your transfer term:" with the text "Working full time" entered. A yellow "Save" button is located to the right of the text box.

Course	Units	Grade	Cert ¹	UC Area ²
MATH 141 Precalculus	6	B	Y	M

Course	Units	Grade	Cert ¹	UC Area ²
CHEM 120 Introductory Chemistry	4	A	Y	S
DANC 147 Folklorico Dance History	3	A	Y	
HUM 102 World Civilizations since 1500	3	B	Y	H
PSY 121 Social Psychology	3	B	Y	

** Repeat of PSY 121 in fall 2023 **

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UC application

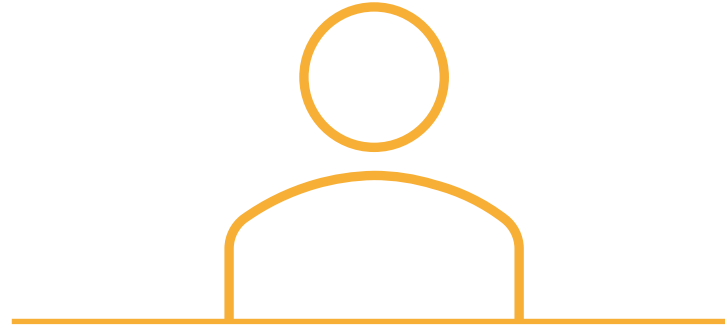
- The UC application uses **ASSIST verified** information which helps students enter academic information with ease.
- UC TAP import allows students to import UC TAP academic history into the UC application.



Working together

A collaboration between CCCs, UCOP and campuses

Shared work to support our students



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campuses**

Faculty

How TCAs support UC transfer

- CCCs offer a large variety of courses, but not all courses are UC-transferable
- Of those UC-transferable courses, not all will meet the 7-course pattern
 - Beyond the 7-course pattern, units can come from major prep, GE or both!
- Footnotes remind us if there are limits on credits
- Taking the correct courses help students meet UC junior transfer admission requirements



How articulation agreements support UC transfer

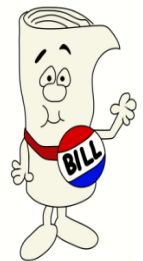
- Comprehensive review for transfer students draws heavily from academic factors
- Major preparation is one of the most important academic factors
- UC campuses determine their own articulation agreements
- UC campuses have admission representatives that can answer specific questions about articulation agreements



Resources

Point of contact for questions about...

Type of issue or question	Who to contact	How to contact
Technical issues	ASSIST team	help@assist.org
Transfer course lists: Footnotes, courses, general information	Articulation officer at the CCC in question	Email articulation officer
Major preparation	UC campuses directly (start with Admissions)	Email or “contact us” form
UC admission policy	UCOP Admissions	AskUC@ucop.edu



ASSIST resources

- help@assist.org
- resource.assist.org
 - FAQs
 - Video tutorials
 - Campus ASSIST managers
- Provide feedback

The screenshot displays the ASSIST website interface. At the top, the ASSIST logo is accompanied by the text "The official course transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities". A purple banner on the left states "ASSIST is here to help". Below this, a sidebar contains sections for "Important Notes from ASSIST" (mentioning the 2023-2024 academic year), "Navigating the ASSIST website" (with a video link), and "Frequently Asked Questions". The main content area, titled "Support", features three columns: "Questions? Email us." with a contact button and email address, "Resource Center" with a "View Resources" button, and "Provide Feedback" with a "Provide Feedback" button. A "Browser Compatibility Statement" is also present. A large blue arrow points to the "Support" link in the footer.

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We look forward to hearing from you.
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510.987.9551

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What do you love?
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Browser Compatibility Statement
We recognize that our users may have various internet browsers and operating systems. ASSIST is committed to delivering a secure site and best possible user experience. To ensure this, our development teams must use the capabilities and improved security and performance provided by the most up-to-date browsers, as older versions are typically less functional and secure.
To help provide you with best experience while using the ASSIST website, we recommend using the latest version of one of the following supported browsers:
• Mozilla Firefox
• Google Chrome

Important Notes from ASSIST
1 ASSIST is best used in combination with seeing a counselor on your campus. It is 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.
The 2023-2024 academic year is available
Modernized articulation agreements begin 2023-2024. Visit the [ASSIST Modernization Project](#) 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](#)
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Questions?

Thank you!