The Course Identification Numbering system, or C-ID, is a mechanism for identifying comparable courses and facilitating articulation by giving a common number to community college transferrable courses. Each C-ID number identifies a lower-division, transferable course commonly articulated between the California Community Colleges and universities (including Universities of California, the California State Universities, as well as with many of California's independent colleges and universities).

To assign the C-ID number to a course, intersegmental discipline faculty develops a “Course Descriptor”, and all Course Outline of Records (COR) at all community colleges will be compared with “Course Descriptor”. Once they are matched, the course will be assigned a C-ID number. In short, C-ID is a method for facilitating articulation, and it is simultaneously a system of providing a common number to comparable courses.
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ASSIST is a tool to gather information on U.C. and C.S.U.: transferable course lists, I.G.E.T.C., C.S.U. General Education Requirements, and General Education Requirements specific to the individual University, majors, and course equivalencies. There are two ways to start:

1. **Search by comparing courses between schools**
   - Select the appropriate community college that you will transfer “From” from the drop list (i.e. Cañada College) The recent catalog year should already be selected
   - Select the transferring “To” school from the drop list
   - Select a major and click the “Continue” button

2. **Search by major**
   - Click on the “Explore Major” button on the first page
   - Click on the ‘Majors” icon on the “Your Path” page
   - Select area of study
   - Select a discipline
   - Click the “Continue” button

## About assist

“The ASSIST database is recognized by the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California as the official database of articulation information for California public, postsecondary, educational institutions.

It is the most accurate and current source of information about transferring among California’s colleges and universities.

The ASSIST database is updated throughout the year as curriculum changes and colleges and universities make new arrangements.”

### Completing General Education Requirements

There are three ways to satisfy your lower-division General Education, (GE), requirements before transferring.

1. **You may satisfy a university’s local G.E. requirements by taking courses at the community college which are included in a GE agreement between the college and the university.** You should consider this option if you are sure which U.C. or C.S.U. campus you wish to attend. To find this information in ASSIST, you should look at the agreement for G.E./Breadth between your community college and the university you plan to attend.

2. **The I.G.E.T.C. (Inter-segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) is a statewide program which identifies patterns of California community college courses which fulfill lower-division general education requirements for students wishing to transfer to a California State University or the University of California.** This option may apply. To find this information in ASSIST, select your community college from the list then click on the link on the bottom of the page for the I.G.E.T.C., U.C., and/or C.S.U. Transferable Courses.

3. **The C.S.U. GE Certification program identifies patterns of California community college courses which fulfill lower-division general education requirements for students wishing to transfer to a California State University campus only.** This will help you to select a CSU campus and/or select a major for a CSU campus. To find this information in ASSIST you should look at the C.S.U. G.E.-Breadth Certification Course List for your community college. Your counselor can help you determine which general education program may be most appropriate for you.

- ASSIST does not tell you selection criteria, including G.P.A.

**Note**

Meet with a College Counselor or the Transfer Services Program Coordinator to find out which General Educational pattern works best for you.

- It is important not to rely on ASSIST solely for your transfer information.

- Refer to the university catalog, web site, or Transfer/Advising Center if there are no course equivalencies in your major on AS-