

## Articulation

In the college system, the word “articulation” refers to the process of matching up courses from one school with the courses at another school. The outcome of this process is an agreement that states that specific courses at one school are considered equivalent to specific courses at a second school. This process of matching up courses is very important to students who want to transfer from one school to another.

The most important articulation agreements for students at a California Community College are found at the ASSIST website ([www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)). Mendocino College students (and Mendocino College counselors) can use this website to determine which Mendocino courses are accepted to meet lower division (freshman and sophomore) requirements at California State Universities (CSU) and the University of California (UC). While Mendocino College students are free to access and use this website, we recommend that you consult with an academic counselor for help with interpreting the information.

When preparing to transfer to a CSU or UC, you will need to cover both the general education (GE) courses required for transfer and the specific courses required to prepare for the major you plan to study at the CSU or UC school. Both the GE courses and the major prep courses can be found on the ASSIST website.

Mendocino College also publishes the CSU and UC GE requirements and the Mendocino College courses that are approved for those requirements each year. The list of approved courses does change slightly each year. A course has to be approved at the time that it is taken by the student for it to count for that specific GE requirement. For this reason, it is important to check this list each year for the courses you are taking at that time.

Students who are planning to apply only to CSU schools can follow the CSU GE pattern. Students who plan to apply only to UC schools or who plan to apply to both CSU and UC schools need to use the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

- [CSU GE](#)
- [IGETC](#)