

Intersegmental Coordination

Articulation for Transfer
Course Identification (C-ID) Process for Transfer
Model Curriculum (TMC) to Associate Degree
for Transfer (ADT)



What is Articulation?

Articulation is the process of developing a formal, written agreement that identifies courses (or sequences of courses) from a “sending” campus that are **comparable** to, or **acceptable** in lieu of, specific course requirements at a “receiving” campus.

Source: California Intersegmental Articulation Council (CIAC) Handbook, 2013

Articulation Objectives

- In accordance with the California Master Plan
- Create transfer opportunities for California Community College (CCC) transfer students to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) systems
- **Comparable** coursework that provides the curricular exposure necessary to promote success after transfer
- CCC transfer students receive **comparable** course credit as per the articulation agreement upon transfer to the college/university
- Lower division coursework and major preparation requirements are met prior to transfer
- CCC students transfer into the college/university at the junior level
- Promote a positive and smooth student transfer experience

Articulation Agreements

- Formal agreements between the CCC and the college/university
- Displayed in ASSIST— “Official Repository”
 - Third party websites may not be accurate
- Valid for the Academic Year(s) (AYs) published in ASSIST
 - By strict definition, the agreement is valid for one AY
 - In practice, the agreement will usually continue uninterrupted for more than one year
- Articulation agreements are never assumed
 - Cross-listed and honors course versions are handled separately

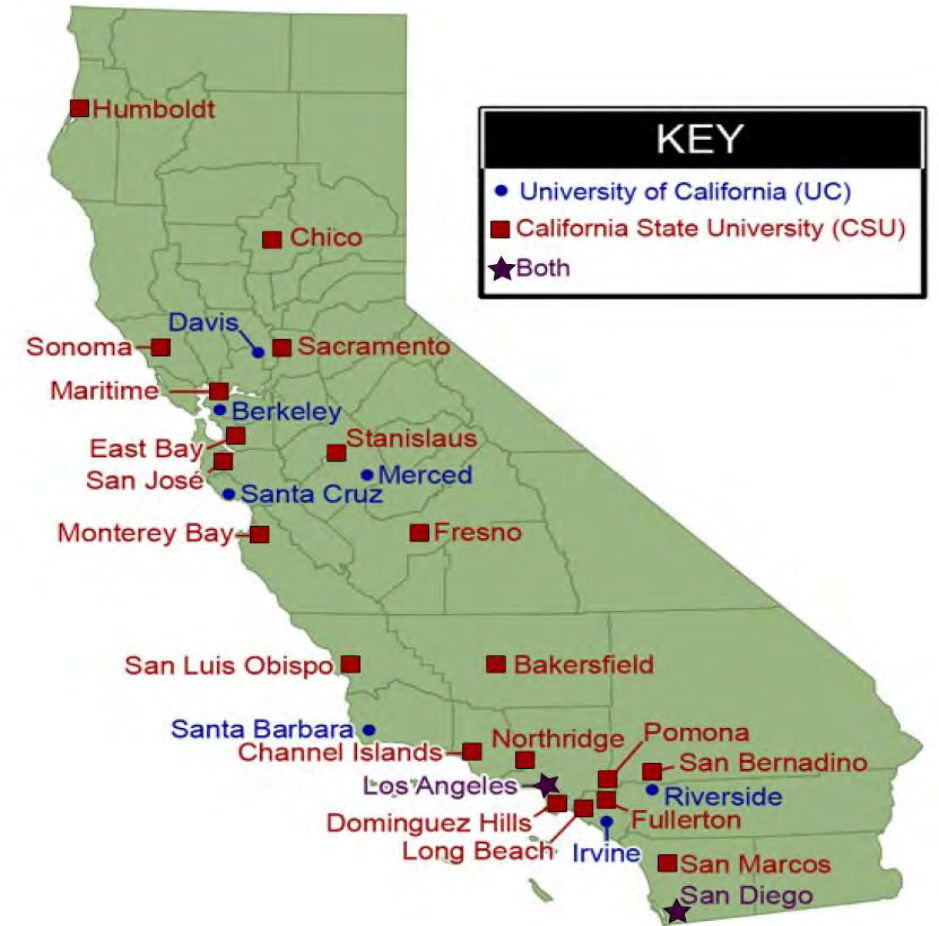
California Articulation Agreement Opportunities

UC | CSU | Independents

Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities (AICCU) is comprised of over 85 independent, nonprofit colleges, and universities in California

Some examples:

- ArtCenter College of Design
- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University
- California Baptist University
- Chapman University
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- Claremont Mckenna College
- Concordia University Irvine
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hope International University
- Laguna College of Arts & Design
- Loma Linda University
- Loyola Marymount University
- San Francisco Conservatory of Music
- Soka University of American
- Stanford University
- University of Southern California
- Touro University of California
- University of LaVerne
- University of San Diego



Articulation Process – Overview

1. CCC faculty creates a new course or updates an existing Course Outline of Record (COR) and process it through their college's curriculum approval process
2. The CCC's Articulation Office submits COR to CSU and UC for new articulation consideration or re-review
3. CSU/UC faculty and/or staff review the COR
4. Decisions are posted in ASSIST.ORG for students and public to view

What is Assist?

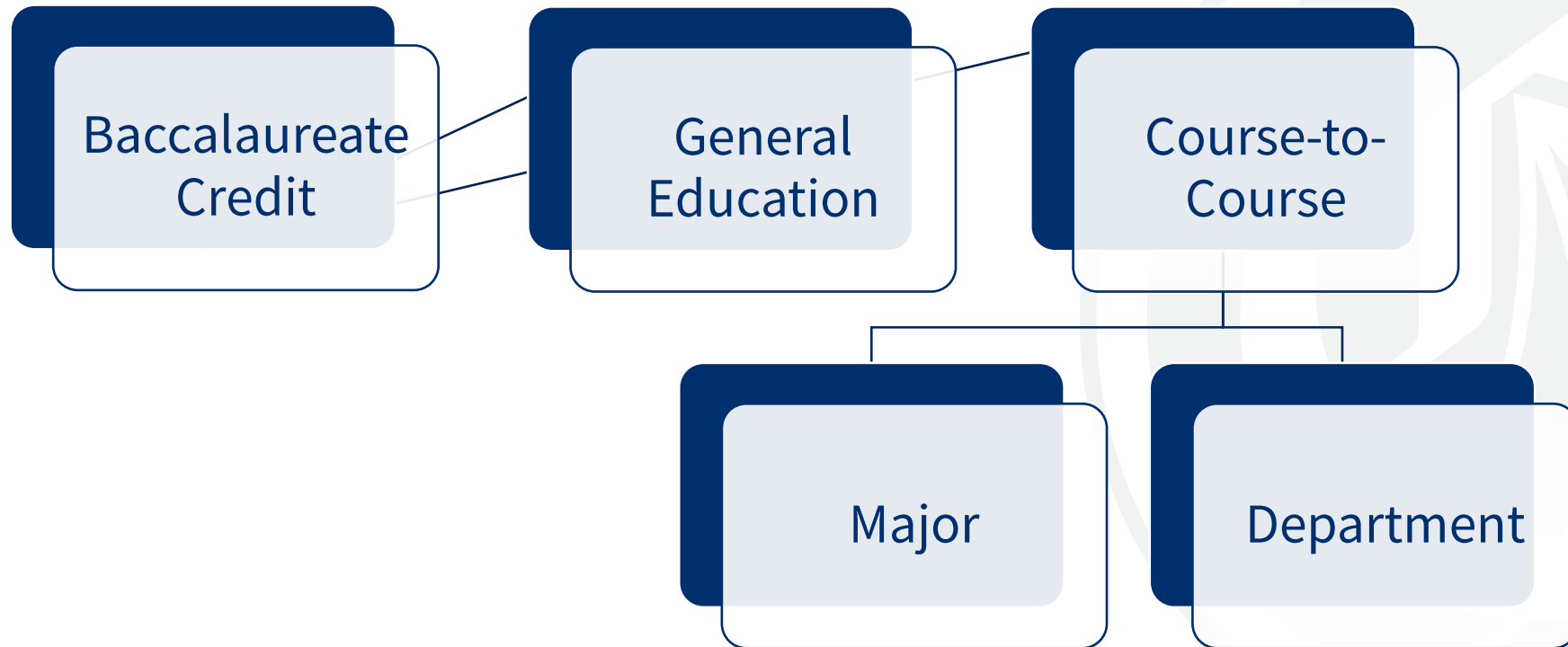
The official course transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities. Started in 1985 with funding from the California State Legislature.

Coming soon: Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)

The screenshot displays the ASSIST website interface. At the top, the ASSIST logo is followed by the text: "The official course transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities". Below this, there are three main search panels:

- ASSIST is here to help:** A sidebar panel containing helpful information, including a note that ASSIST is best used with a counselor, important notes, and academic year information for 2022-2023.
- Search below for articulation agreements:** A search panel for "Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements". It includes dropdown menus for "Academic Year" (set to 2022-2023), "Institution" (with options for CCC, CSU, or UC), and "Agreements with Other Institutions". A yellow callout box below this panel states: "530, 165 agreements pulled per month".
- Search below for transferable courses:** A search panel for "Courses approved for transfer and general education". It includes a dropdown for "Academic Year" (2022-2023) and a dropdown for "Community College". Below these are radio button options for various course types: CSU Transferable Courses, CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses, CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI), IGEC for UC and CSU, UC Transferable Courses, and UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses. A yellow callout box below this panel states: "50,781 transfer lists pulled per month".

Types of Articulation



General Education (GE)

Articulation Office submits COR to CSUCO & UCOP for consideration | Cal-GETC

Course is approved based on the GE subject area (i.e., Social Science, Ethnic Studies, Mathematics) as indicated on Cal-GETC Standards 1.1

6 months to process this request

CSU GE Breadth and IGETC valid up to Fall 2025
Beginning Fall 2025 new transfer students will only have Cal-GETC

Course-to-Course Articulation

Articulation Office submits COR to each CSU and UC campus, individually & separately, for their faculty to review throughout the year

Course is approved based on faculty determined comparability or acceptability to a specific course offered by that CSU or UC

CSU and UC will determine if a course is articulated:

By Major or By Department

Process duration is determined by the university's response to the articulation request
(can take months to years)

Department, Major, GE Articulation Agreements

Department Articulation Agreements

- Articulation usually begins with department agreements
 - Articulation agreements categorized by university department
 - Some universities do not publish department agreements
 - Process duration is determined by the university's response to the articulation request

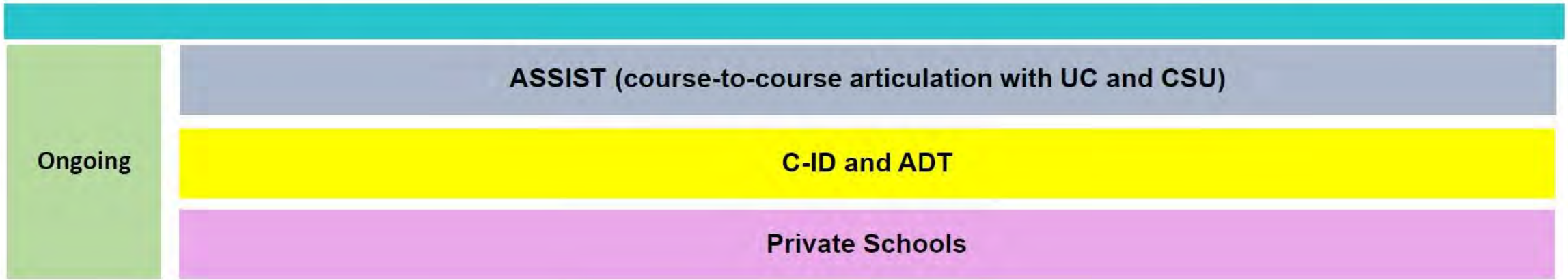
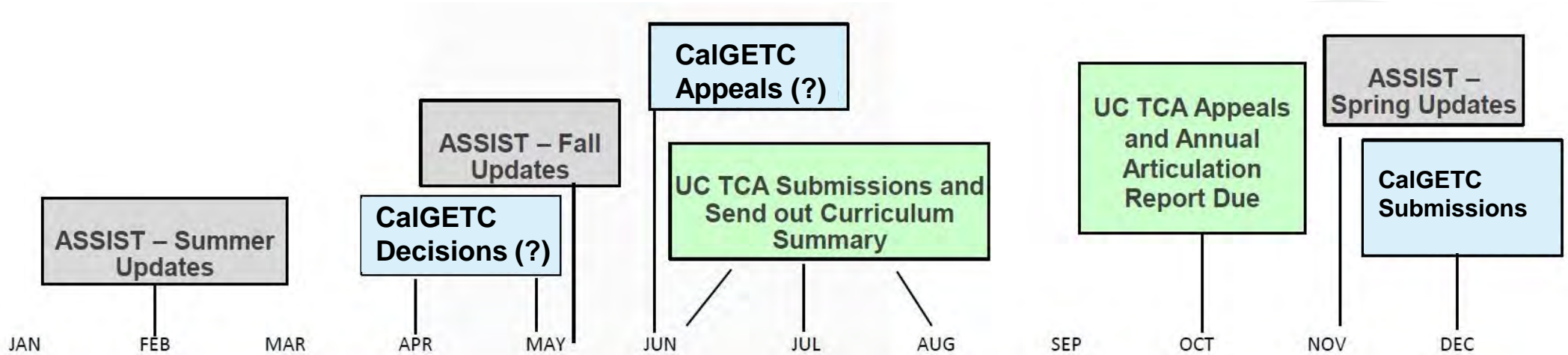
Major Articulation Agreements

- Populated by departmental agreements
 - Agreements from a variety of departments comprising the major preparation
 - Narrative sections contain important information
 - Some universities offer major specific articulation agreements
 - These are agreements unique to a particular CCC and major
 - Process duration is determined by the university's response to the articulation request

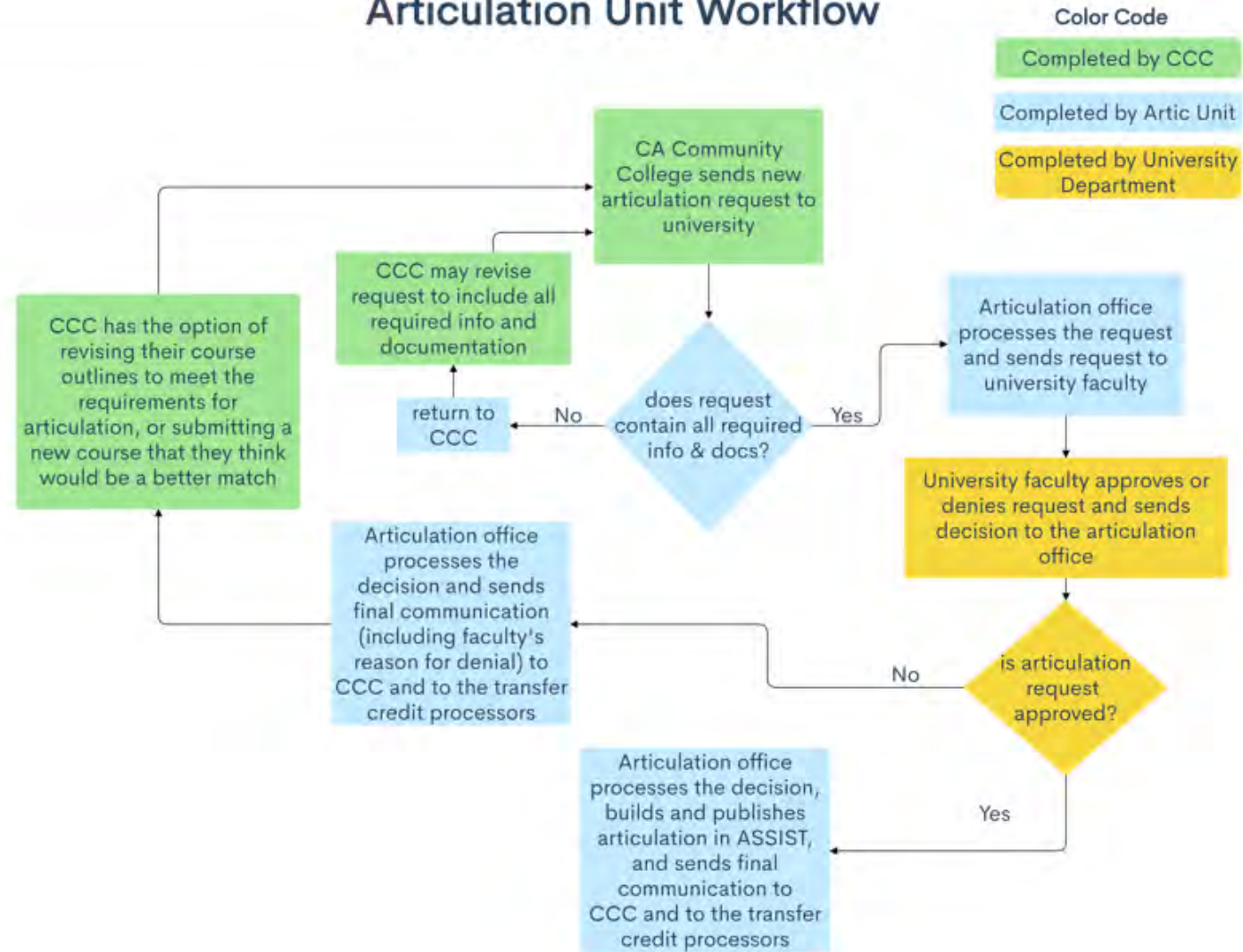
General Education Agreements

- Some universities articulate CCC courses to a university lower division GE requirement when no course **comparability** is appropriate (6-month process)

Articulation Timeline



Articulation Unit Workflow



University Admissions

Admissions is a separate function

- Usually performed by a different unit
- Articulation Officers serve as a resource for admissions staff

UC and CSU systems have various admissions/transfer programs

- Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)—CSU only
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)-offered by some UC campuses
- UC Transfer Pathways+
- UC Dual Admissions | CSU Transfer Success Pathways
- Cal-GETC GE Certification

Course Identification Numbering

C-ID Origins



- Faculty driven supra-numbering system, started in 2007
 - Assigning course designators (C-ID course code and number) to significant transfer courses
 - Mechanism to identify **comparable** courses based on descriptors developed by intersegmental faculty (CSU & CCC)
- AB 1440 (Padilla, 2010) passed and C-ID leveraged to facilitate Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) development
 - Template and structure for Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

Faculty-Driven System

- Faculty Discipline Review Group (FDRG)
 - Intersegmental: 3 CCC + 3 CSU appointed faculty
 - Identify courses needing descriptors
 - Develop and vet descriptors
- Discipline Input Group (DIG)
 - Open regional events for faculty input
 - Begin TMC discussion and informs FDRG work
- Course Outline of Record Evaluator (CORE)
 - Intersegmental discipline faculty review submitted Course Outline of Record (COR) against descriptor

C-ID and Articulation

- Community Colleges with an approved C-ID designator must **accept** other colleges' courses with the same approval.
- Receiving institutions (e.g., CSU, UC, AICCU, HBCU, etc.) can articulate a single C-ID descriptor and may have that articulation apply to courses deemed **comparable**.

Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC)

- TMC is a template developed by intersegmental faculty for the required and elective major components of an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- TMC functions as a statewide consensus among intersegmental discipline faculty on the lower division requirements of a major
- Required course on a TMC is typically by C-ID designations
 - Unavailable course designator for a TMC course necessitates inclusion of GE or Major Preparation articulation information
- 47 TMCs currently available

TMC to ADT

- CCC discipline faculty develop an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) in a major aligned with a TMC through local curriculum approval processing
 - TMC = major preparation/program course requirements
 - GE = general education course requirements (Cal-GETC)
 - ADT = TMC + GE
- ADT acceptance with guarantee of no more than 60 semester units each for lower-division and upper-division requirements and transfer entrance at junior status (SB 1440, Padilla 2010)
- ADT identification of “similar” to select CSU program (SB 440, Padilla 2013) as determined by CSU campus discipline faculty