



Public Site (assist.org) Webinar Q & A

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Will I be able to search by all majors/departments/prefixes?

Yes! There will be an “all” search option for modernized agreements, which are agreements from 2023-2024 and forward.

Will I be able to search agreements by the sending institution department or prefix?

Yes! This functionality will be available with the modernization release, beginning with 2023-2024 agreements.

Can I search for a specific course, and see all the articulation agreements and approvals for the course?

This request has been logged as an enhancement and it will not be a part of the modernization release. We are currently focused on completing core functionality updates.

Is there a way to get GE to show on the articulation agreements?

Campuses have the option to add systemwide GE or IGETC areas into their agreements. For example, CSU GE Area A3 could be added to a major agreement. The agreement would then populate with a list of all approved courses for that campus that meet CSU GE Area A3 in that academic year. Campuses also have the option to build campus-specific GE areas, and articulate sending courses. Both of these features are optional and are utilized at the discretion of the campus. There are no “GE tags” on courses in articulation agreements.

Can you explain the difference between the numbered and lettered groupings?

Requirement Groups are numbered to enhance overall clarity for communication regarding an agreement. For example, when meeting with a student you could reference Group 2 or Group 3. All Requirement Groups numbers are standard, and will be in every agreement by major.

Requirement Groups may feature multiple sections. It depends on how the agreement has been constructed. Each section is initially identified with a Section Letter. Similar to the Requirement Group Number, the Section Letter aims to help clarify where in an agreement multiple people are looking. For example, you could refer to Group 2, Section B. However, the use of Section Letters are optional, so those who manage agreements may choose to hide them. In some cases, it can be more clear not to use them. It depends on the overall structure of the Requirement Group, and what instructions have been selected.

Will the agreements be accessible for a screen reader?

Yes, they will!

Will the agreements have static URLs that can be shared with students and colleagues?



Yes, they will! This means you can save a link to an agreement or keep it open in a browser and just refresh it or revisit it to see if any updates have been republished.

Where can I find the flier you reviewed during the webinar comparing the different agreements over the years?

The link can be found on the ASSIST Resource Center here:

<https://resource.assist.org/Portals/0/PDFs/MOD%20design%20graphic.pdf?ver=2023-06-09-182607-860>

Who do I contact when I have a question about something appearing in an agreement?

If you are seeking advising, you should contact a counselor at your campus, or the campus where you intend to apply. If you are an articulation officer and you have questions about content in an articulation agreement, you should contact the articulation officer at the campus in question. Contact information for all campus ASSIST managers can be found on the [ASSIST Resource Center contact page](#).

Is it possible to require institutions to include external exam, GPA, admissions, or AP articulation in their articulation agreements?

ASSIST cannot require a campus to include any specific content, or make use of any particular feature in ASSIST. Each institution is responsible for creating and publishing their agreements in ASSIST and all decisions regarding what to include are under their purview. We recommend contacting the university directly if you have any questions about the information contained in an articulation agreement. A list of campus ASSIST managers can be found on the [ASSIST Resource Center contact page](#).

Can all articulation agreements be updated?

With only a few exceptions for the 2016-2017 AY, articulation agreements for 2016-2017 and prior cannot be updated. All agreements and transferability lists created in the Legacy system were frozen when ASSIST NextGen was released. At this time, agreements for 2017-2018 through 2022-2023 can still be updated using the non-modernized articulation system, though that system will not be available indefinitely and will sunset at some point in the future. Please note, the decision to update an articulation agreement from a prior academic year is under the purview of the campus.

When will modernized articulation agreements be available?

Thanks to the improved technology supporting the assist.org website, we can release the 2023-2024 academic year in phases. The first release phase is for the Transferability Lists approval box. You can now select 2023-2024 and find:

- **CSU Transferable** Courses
- **CSU GE-Breadth** Certification Courses
- **CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals** Courses
- **IGETC** for UC and CSU



The 2023-2024 **UC Transfer Course Agreement (UC TCA)** and **UC Transfer Admission Eligibility** lists will become available in the fall upon completion of the UCOP summer review cycle.

The 2023-2024 drop down will be added to the articulation agreement search box once CSU and UC AOs have access to published modernized agreements in the live environment. At present CSU and UC AOs have access to a sandbox environment to familiarize themselves with the new tools, but they do not have access to work on live agreements. You may have noticed that a yellow Coming Soon banner was recently added to the homepage.

The availability of agreements is dependent on when universities are able to update and publish their articulation agreements after they receive access to the modernized articulation application in the live environment. Historically, each year most articulation agreements are published in the months of August, September, and October. There are several factors that affect the update and publish process including the availability of updated community college curriculum, campus articulation resources, and varying approaches to publishing.

The structures and organizational tools for articulation management in the Modernized application are more innovative, flexible, and customizable. Universities will need additional time to restructure their agreements to accurately convey requirements, instructions, and to make use of the new features. The level of effort required will vary by university, but the important thing to remember is that all CSU and UC AOs will need more time than “normal” to prepare their agreements for 23-24.

Campuses have autonomy to determine how best to approach their publish tasks. Some campuses may begin by publishing department/prefix agreements, before updating agreements by major. Regardless, the system will continue to provide an alert message if the 23-24 agreement isn't available, and offer you the next most recent published agreement.

We'd love to have your feedback on the modernized agreements once you see them start to appear. If you click the blue support button at the bottom of the page, you will see a blue provide feedback button that will take you to our Public Site User Survey. The ACS team is interested in your perspective on the modernized agreements, and we do document enhancement suggestions made by assist.org users.

What is the timeline for adding AICCU member institutions?

During the 2023-2024 academic year ASSIST will be working to gather requirements and implement the necessary technological changes to display agreements for those AICCU member institutions that choose to participate. We will then need to onboard and train each institution, and give them time to create agreements. We anticipate the first published agreements to be available for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Will Explore Majors be available?



Not yet. We know how much the legacy Exploring Majors site is missed. For now, we encourage you to use the Los Medanos Transfer Major Explorer website as an interim tool. The ASSIST team provides Los Medanos with updated major information as we receive it from the CSU and UC AOs. If you encounter any broken links or other challenges in accessing information, please let us know by emailing help@assist.org. We will work with our CSU and UC AO partners to update the information. The previous tool known as Explore Majors is very high on the wishlist and requested frequently. The interim tool can be found at transferbound.com.

Will there be references to Associate Degree for Transfer on major agreements?

You may see campuses elect to feature textual notes in the General Area sections of articulation agreements indicating similarity of ADT degrees to CSU majors. However, there will not be any sort of official matrix or identification of similar programs on ASSIST as we are not the owners of this information.

Will the API documentation be released down the line for modernized agreements?

One of the benefits of the modernization project is the ability to share articulation data like we never have before. We need to give campuses time to restructure and publish their 2023-2024 agreements before we launch articulation sharing via API. Our current timeline for offering articulation data is winter 2024, but we do anticipate the documentation available ahead of time. The most recent Data Extracts and Specifications document can be found on the [Data](#) tab on the ASSIST Resource Center. If you are interested in participating in articulation data sharing technical focus groups, please contact us at help@assist.org.

Can you tell me more about available resources?

ASSIST has a supplemental website known as the [ASSIST Resource Center](#). Quarterly news updates are shared in the [Updates](#) section, where you can also register for an auto-delivery of each update. Special project information, like the dedicated page for the ASSIST Modernization Project, can also be found by visiting the [Updates](#) page under the About tab. If you scroll to the bottom of the [ASSIST Modernization Project](#) page, you will find the Design Showcase, the link to assist.org webinar, and the webinar Q & A document. We also have a slowly growing body of video tutorials, information on ASSIST data policy, and additional resources for our data managing user groups. Lastly, there is a general ASSIST help email, which is help@assist.org. This email address is for public users of ASSIST who may have technical questions about using the ASSIST website. Please note, ASSIST is not resourced or permitted to answer advising questions.