

Taking courses at Community Colleges

STEP 1:

Using Assist.org:

To determine if credits from a California Community College are accepted at UC Merced, students may use www.assist.org to verify which classes can be accepted for credit.

Assist.org is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at a public community college can be applied when transferred to a four year university.

****Grades from community college classes do not get transferred to UC Merced. You will only receive subject credit (units).****

The screenshot shows the ASSIST.org website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with links like Home, About ASSIST, FAQs, and various transfer-related topics. The main content area is titled "Selected institution and academic year:" with dropdowns for "Merced College" and "14-15". Below this is the "Agreements with Other Campuses" section, where "To:" is set to "University of California, Merced". There are three radio button options: "By Major" (with a dropdown), "By Department at:" (with "University of California, Merced" selected and "OR Merced College" as an alternative), and "For General Education/Breadth" (with a dropdown). Below these options is a section titled "Merced College Courses Applicable for Transfer" with a list of links: CSU Transferable Courses, CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses, CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses, IGETC for UC and CSU, UC Transferable Courses, and UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses.

The screenshot shows a detailed report from ASSIST.org. At the top, there are buttons for "Print This Report" and "Change Report or Institution". The report title is "Articulation Agreement by Department Effective During the 14-15 Academic Year". It specifies "To: UC Merced 14-15 General Catalog" and "From: Merced College 14-15 General Catalog". The report is based on the "14-15 UC Transfer Course Agreement". The content is organized by department with section headers: "====Accounting====", "====Anthropology====", "====Archaeology====", and "====Biology====". Each section lists course numbers, titles, and credit values for both the community college and the UC Merced equivalent. For example, under Accounting, MGMT 26 (Introduction to Financial Accounting, 4 units) is equivalent to ACTG -4A (Financial Accounting, 4 units). Under Anthropology, ANTH 1 (Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, 4 units) is equivalent to ANTH -2 (Sociocultural Anthropology, 3 units), and ANTH 5 (Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 4 units) is equivalent to ANTH -1 (Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 4 units). Under Archaeology, ANTH 3 (Introduction to Anthropological Archaeology, 4 units) is equivalent to ARCH -1 (Introduction to Archaeology, 3 units). Under Biology, BIO 1 & (Contemporary Biology, 4 units) is equivalent to BIOL -4A (Fundamentals of Biology: The Cell and Evolution, 4 units), and BIO 1L (Contemporary Biology Lab, 1 unit) is also listed.

Other assist.org info

Some Social Science and Humanities/Arts (SSHA) general education courses are not listed on assist.org. If you are unsure if a class at a community college is equivalent to a UCM class, you should contact your academic advisor.

STEP 2:

Is the Course you want to take available?

Check on school website for the summer course catalog to see if the courses are available.

STEP 3:

Apply to the Community College:

Follow instructions for enrollment on the Community College website.

STEP 4:

Financial Aid:

Before summer registration period opens at your community college, check with their financial aid office to see if you qualify for any aid.

STEP 5:

Proof of enrollment:

If a class you are taking during the summer is a prerequisite for a class you will take at UCM in the Fall, you will need to show proof that you are enrolled in the summer class before your advisor enters an override for your fall class – no exceptions. At the end of summer school, you must show proof of the final grade.

Note: It is recommended that students at UC Merced register in the Fall as though they are not taking coursework at a Community College during the summer, then make adjustments to their Fall schedule once their summer registration at the Community College is confirmed.

Example: Edward is taking Math 005 in the Spring. He plans to take the Math 021 equivalent course at a community college in summer. He will need to show his advisor proof of enrollment in the Math 021 equivalent course before an override can be entered for him to enroll in Math 022 at UCM in the Fall. Edward will also need to submit official transcripts to UCM at the end of summer school to show that he passed the class with a C- or better.

STEP 6:

Both Must Be Done

To Stay in Fall Courses:

In order to remain in your fall courses, you will need to send your advisor proof that you passed the course. This can only be done by sending your advisor your unofficial transcripts (you may also take a screen shot).

To Get Credit for the Course:

In order to receive credit for courses taken outside of UCM, you must submit official transcripts from the institution you attended. Failure to submit transcripts prior to the beginning of the fall semester could result in non-transfer of credit, and/or the inability to enroll in subsequent course for the Fall.

Send official transcripts to:

UC Merced
Office of the Registrar
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343