



Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes
March 22, 2004

- 1. UCSF Dentistry** Our artic agreements w/ UCSF for their Dental Hygiene and Dentistry programs are still in process. However, they've notified us that our CHEM 30B has been denied for clearing the lower division Biochem requirement. However, students can waive the prereq of a course in Cell and Molecular Biology by taking an exam upon entering the school.
- 2. Liberal Studies at SDSU** The SDSU Liberal Studies Program is extending for one additional year the waiver that allows students to transfer into Liberal Studies using the 2002-2003 catalog requirements. The waiver that has been in place for students entering SDSU in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 is extended to 2005-2006. This extension means that community colleges can wait until 2005-2006 to offer the new earth/space science course and the new world/regional geography course. Students entering SDSU in fall 2006 will need to have completed these courses. See <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/lstrnsagree2005.pdf> for information on the extension of this waiver.
- 3. UCR Adds New Teaching Majors** UC Riverside has added 2 new teaching-oriented majors: "Liberal Studies: Blended Program for Elementary Education, B.A." and "Mathematics: Blended Program for Secondary Education, B.A." The separate majors for "Liberal Studies, B.A." and "Mathematics, B.A. or B.S." still exist.. These majors have been added to our 03-04 artic agreement with UCR on ASSIST and they have updated the ASSIST notice called "Information: Teaching Credentials and Blended Programs".
- 4. Sociology Major Changes at UCSC** Effective F04, the Sociology major at Santa Cruz will require a course in precalculus (UCSC MATH 3—articulated with Merritt's MATH 1 or MATH 2) or a score on the math placement exam or the college board AP calculus exam sufficient to be placed into calculus. Students may enter UCSC with proposed major status but precalculus or the equivalent must be completed and passed prior to officially declaring the major. For those students who have been completing major prep prior to this change, they have catalog rights to the old requirements as long as they follow requirements published no more than 3 years prior to transfer. Thus, students entering UCSC during 04-05, 05-06, and 06-07 may choose to follow a catalog prior to the imposition of the precalculus requirement. ASSIST agreements will reflect the precalculus requirement in 2004-05, and a note about the change will soon be put in the 03-04 agreement on ASSIST. However, the Sociology department encourages all students, particularly those transferring in 05-06 and 06-07 to complete a course in precalculus. They are seeing an increase in the failure rate in the upper division core courses for both native and transfer students due to a lack of quantitative skills. Students who fail a core course twice are disqualified from the major.