



## Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes  
March 4, 2003

1. **New Artic Agreement with SDSU** We've just received notification of our finalized artic agreement with San Diego State for 02-03. There are a number of new courses that have been added to the list, which has been posted on ASSIST. New courses for 02-03 are AFRAM 30, 31, & 32; ART 2, 3, 4, 50 & 51; CHEM 12A & 30A; EDUC 1; ENGL 1A & 1B; GEOG 1L; MATH 13; and PHYS 2A 7 2B. NOTE: Past articulation for BIOL 3 and CIS 1 has been rescinded.
2. **Transfer Planning for Chico** CSU, Chico's Academic Advising Programs has created a fantastic website that can be extremely beneficial to students. The URL is: <http://www.csuchico.edu/catalog/programs.html>. (and I've also posted this link on the Chico page of the Counselor Web Site). Listed in the last column of the chart are the 4-year plans developed by their academic departments for each major/option/pattern they offer. These plans organize all requirements (major, general education, and graduation requirements) in an 8-semester chronology designed to graduate the student in four years. By using ASSIST, the transfer student can see the articulated courses for their lower division requirements and have a guide to what is recommended by the department as an appropriate sequence for that major/option.
3. **High School Concurrent Enrollment** Got recent clarification from AVC Howard Perdue about the CE policy for the district, as follows:
  1. High School students may not take a college course in order to make up for a high school course in which they got a grade of "D" or "F";
  2. High School students may not take PE activity courses. Performance or activity courses in the arts are permissible as long as the high school student's intent is academic acceleration (i.e. taking arts courses to fulfill the Visual and Performing Arts [VPA] requirement for UC);
  3. Concurrent enrollment must be used for acceleration, not remediation. Merritt College is interpreting this to conform with Title 5 Regulations that state remediation is any course below Associate degree applicable Math 201 or English 201A;
  4. High School students may not take a course that is offered at the high school at the same time (i.e. in the same semester--taking a Chemistry course in the summer is permissible if the high school does not offer that Chemistry course in the summer, even if they offer it during regular session);
  5. High School students must be referred to the Vice President of Student Services, who may confer with Associate Vice Chancellor, before being allowed to enroll.
4. **BIOL 24 & 25** In conversation w/ Dean Segar, he offered his intention about revising these 2 courses. They are now offered concurrently, even though they are dramatically different courses (24 has lab, 25 doesn't; 25 is on IGETC & UC TCA, 24 isn't, etc). He said their intention is to terminate 25 and replace it w/ 24A (no lab) and keep 24 as is. Not sure when this will happen but it is in the works.

5. **Link to ASSIST** At the suggestion of ASSIST staff, I've asked to have a link to ASSIST placed on the Merritt web site (fully accessible to students and the general public). You get to the link by clicking on "Transfer Information" on the Merritt home page (about halfway down the page, in the section called "Departments, Programs, & Special Projects").
6. **60 Units for CSU Transfer** At their January, 2003 meeting, the CSU Board of Trustees adopted the requirement of 60 units for upper division transfer (entrance as a junior) effective Fall, 2005. Individual campuses may move to that standard before then (SDSU, Chico, to name a few). CSU will develop admissions grid to help w/ advising as more schools adopt the 60-unit standard. Board also considering requiring that 39 units of lower division GE be completed prior to transfer. If this happens, special consideration would have to be given to high-unit majors.
7. **UC Merced Opening F04** UC Merced will be officially opening Fall, 2004 and will be accepting applications during the normal filing period in Fall, 2003.
8. **CSU American Institutions** A reminder: community colleges don't officially "certify" the American Institutions requirement, at least not in the same way that we certify CSU GE. This becomes an issue when a student wants to do a pass along: using a course for this requirement that they took at another school. It's important to review w/ students the elements of this *graduation* requirement and remind them that the final decision about whether to accept or deny their completion of this requirement rests w/ the CSU to which they transfer.