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Upcoming Activities

Data
Submission
Target Dates:

CC Degree File
10/30

*CC Fall
Registration File*
10/30

UV Summer Files
10/02

*UV Fall 21-Day
Files* 10/16

Tentative
ASSIST 2010
Spring Meeting:

April 1
*at UA College of
Medicine Phoenix*
followed by AZAIR
on April 2

ASSIST Updates

Invited Session at RMAIR

Hosted by *Northern Arizona University* and *Coconino Community College*, the '09 Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research (RMAIR) conference will be held on October 21-23 in Flagstaff. Program planners requested a presentation on ASSIST, its history, operations, and uses. ASSIST users are welcome to join the session and add from their own institutional perspective how ASSIST is operating. The RMAIR program and registration materials are available at: <http://www.rmair.org/page.asp?page=1246>

State Dual Enrollment Reporting for Community Colleges

In just its second cycle of reporting, 18 of the 19 community colleges used ASSIST data to track and analyze their 2006-2007 high school seniors with dual enrollment courses to subsequent collegiate courses throughout the state in the following year. Late revisions to the report format and breakouts provided numerous challenges—a scenario well-recognized in all our IR offices!

A New ASSIST User Known to Us All . . .

Nancy Dickson Changes ASSIST Role from Staffer to User
Involved with ASSIST since the initial discussions many years ago, Nancy Dickson has been an invaluable resource and member of the ASSIST staff. *Arizona State University's* Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering administration chose Nancy to join them as their Principal Planning Analyst in August. Many congratulations to Nancy on her new position! Nancy ensures us that she will be a regular at AZAIR and the annual ASSIST users meetings. To keep her to her word, we have penciled her in on the 2010 meeting agenda for a presentation on using ASSIST data for departmental or college purposes.

Availability of Spring 08 Registration/Enrollment Records

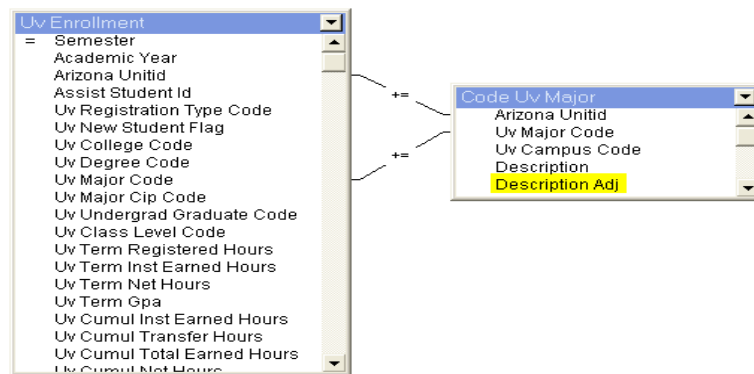
When the submission of early Fall registration records for the community colleges was deemed by the ASSIST Steering Committee to be a mandatory file in April 2007, a few institutions indicated they would like to have the option to provide Spring registration data. This option has turned out to be popular for many colleges; Spring 2009 concurrent enrollment and persistence studies can be run for 19 of our 22 public institutions.

Available Now . . .

An updated UV MAJOR CODE Table and a new UV DEGREE MAJOR ADJUSTED CODE Table

Have you ever tried to standardize majors and/or degrees across universities? University major and degree codes are unique for each university, making the task difficult.

The **UV MAJOR** code table now has a new field labeled *Description Adjusted* that will allow you to group unique major codes under a more general category.



For instance, the *Description Adjusted* label of Elementary Education will group together 15 related major codes from the three universities.

104151	Elem Ed (Bilingual Ed)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (Content Academy)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (Ed Technology)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (English/Second Lang)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (Indig Teach Prog)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (ML/MC)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed (Reading)	Elementary Education
	Elementary Education	Elementary Education
	Elementary Education (Accel)	Elementary Education
104179	Elementary Education	Elementary Education
105330	Elem Ed-Cont Prof (MED)	Elementary Education
	Elem Ed-Cont Prof (PREP)	Elementary Education
	Elem Edu (BSED)	Elementary Education
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	Elementary Education (PREP)	Elementary Education

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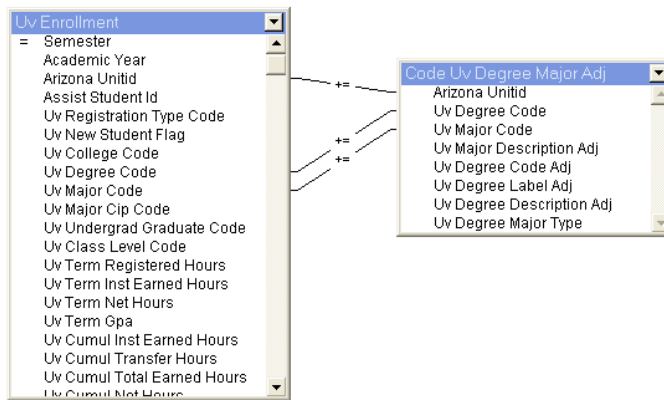
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Available this week is the **UV DEGREE MAJOR ADJUSTED** code table; it requires joining on **both** *UV Degree Code* and *UV Major Code* fields which allows you to use the *UV Major Description Adjusted*, *UV Degree Code Adjusted*, *UV Degree Label Adjusted*, *UV Degree Description Adjusted* and/or the *UV Degree Major Type* fields to find standardized degrees across the three universities.



For example, using this code table could aid in grouping the three universities exploratory or undecided degree codes as shown below.

Arizona Unitid	Uv Degree Code	Uv Degree Code Adj	Uv Degree Description Adj
104151	EXPL	UNDEC	Undecided/Undeclared
104179	UND	UNDEC	Undecided/Undeclared
105330	UNDEC	UNDEC	Undecided/Undeclared

Another use could be trying to identify BAS degrees from BS degrees for the number of current Pre-Professional degree codes.

Arizona Unitid	Uv Degree Code	Uv Degree Code Adj	Uv Major Description Adj	Uv Degree Major Type
104151	PRE	BAS	Applied Science	Pre-Professional
		BSD	Architectural Studies	Pre-Professional
			Graphic Design	Pre-Professional
			Housing & Community Development	Pre-Professional
			Industrial Design	Pre-Professional
			Interior Design	Pre-Professional

Try out the new **UV DEGREE MAJOR ADJUSTED** code table, let us know how it works for you, and please give us suggestions on how it could be improved!