

ARTICULATED TRANSFER LINKED AUDIT SYSTEM (ATLAS)

Features

1. Provide students and academic advisors real-time information on how and where completed college courses transfer between post-secondary institutions.
2. More effective transfer of credits between institutions.
3. Supports more effective academic advising by eliminating or reducing the need to review and manually determine how each course taken at multiple institutions might apply towards a degree at another institution.
4. Allows students more choices in selecting the right campus and academic major based upon courses previously completed.
5. Supports planning of future courses, increasing efficiency and reducing time to degree.
6. Web-based. Supports any time, anywhere student access and use.

Background

1. Proposal developed by faculty and staff from Mt. Hood Community College, Portland State University, and University of Oregon.
2. Will use existing and proven software—Course Articulation System.
3. Used statewide in Arizona, Minnesota, and Ohio.
4. Implemented at Portland State University.
5. Builds upon existing degree audit programs in place at six OUS campuses.
6. Does not require community college implementation to support community college to OUS analysis of credit transfer.
7. Adding community colleges increases functionality by adding the ability to consider inter-community college credit transfer and credit transfer from OUS to community colleges.
8. Endorsed by Excellence in Delivery and Productivity Workgroup in January 2005.

Funding

1. Costs include initial software purchase (\$85,000), server (\$40,000), staffing (to be determined), and annual maintenance fee (\$15,000).
2. Community college costs include software purchase (\$165,000), degree audit system software (to be determined) and staffing (to be determined).