To satisfy a major or support course at Cal Poly by taking a course at a California Community College, utilize assist.org. First, select the California Community College you would like to attend, either in person or online. As an example, I will use Saddleback College. Then, because you want to satisfy a specific course at Cal Poly, select “To: California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo” underneath “Agreements with Other Campuses.”

Select the course “By Department at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo” based on how it is offered at Cal Poly. For example, if you are trying to find the equivalent of Cal Poly’s BIO 162, click on “Biology.” On the left-hand side, Cal Poly’s courses are listed. These courses match up with their equivalent at Saddleback College on the right side. If there is not a match, the Saddleback College side will read, “No Articulation Established.”

This shows that if you want to take equivalent of Cal Poly’s BIO 162 at a community college, you would take BIO 3B at Saddleback College.

Keep in mind that this is just the class that will count for BIO 162 at Saddleback College. To see if these courses are being offered, you will need to check the college’s website. If the course is being offered during the term you would like to take it, you will first need to apply to be a student at that institution. Once your admission is granted, you will receive your registration date and time. Then, enroll for the course. Complete the course and once you have a grade, request that the community college send your transcripts to Evaluations at Cal Poly. It can take 1-2 quarters for your credit to be reflected in your Degree Progress Report.

It is strongly recommended that if you would like to confirm your course selections will count prior to taking them, please contact the Mustang Success Center or your college advising center. Contact information can be found at advising.calpoly.edu.