Previous referred to as “MAST”:

- Online catalog of course equivalencies statewide.
- Designed primarily to identify course equivalencies from the community colleges to the state universities and University of Massachusetts campuses, but also is used to identify course equivalencies among the community colleges.
- Allows campuses to retain their existing course coding systems.
- Updated annually.

MassTransfer Course Equivalency Database

Formerly known as the “MassTransfer Block”:

- Standard 34-credit Foundation stands alone and satisfies Gen Ed requirements at the state universities and UMass campuses.
- STEM 28-credit Foundation does not stand alone; must be completed within a STEM pathway such as Computer Science or Engineering.

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Formerly known as MassTransfer agreements:

- Students must earn an associate degree with at least 60 credits, including the 34-credit General Education Foundation, and a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Application fee, essay and letters of recommendation waived.
- Guarantees admission with 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Guarantees a 100% tuition waiver with 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Will be discontinued after 5 years once a corresponding A2B Mapped Pathway has been established.
A2B Mapped Pathways

Developed by faculty members from all 28 undergraduate Massachusetts public colleges and universities:

- Includes foundational courses in the major agreed upon by faculty statewide.
- Some mapped pathways include a 28-credit STEM General Education Foundation, rather than the 34-credit Gen Ed Foundation.
- Same student requirements and benefits as Linked Pathways.
- Additional student benefit that foundational and other required courses transfer as specific courses in the bachelor’s degree program.

A2B Additional Pathways

Formerly known as Additional Transfer Agreements/ATAs:

- Typically developed between a single community college and a single state university or University of Massachusetts campus in academic areas that are not covered by A2B Linked Pathways or A2B Mapped Pathways.
- Same student requirements and benefits as Linked and Mapped Pathways.

Special Mission Institution Mapped Pathways

Developed by faculty at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in collaboration with faculty at community colleges that offer appropriate preparatory coursework:

- Students transfer to MassArt after completing the 30-credit MassArt foundation at the community college.
- Students transfer to Mass Maritime after completing the 45-credit Mass Maritime foundation at the community college
- Same student requirements and benefits as Linked, Mapped and Additional pathways.
- Pathways may not be posted on the MassTransfer website yet.

To be eligible, students must:

- Be Massachusetts residents.
- Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Submit the Participation Form before earning no more than 15 college credits, excluding developmental coursework and dual-enrollment coursework taken while enrolled in high school.

To maintain eligibility, students must:

- Enroll as a degree-seeking student in an approved A2B mapped pathway.
- Enroll in at least 12 college-level credits per semester at one community college and 14 college-level credits at one state university or UMass campus.
- Maintain continuous enrollment from Fall to Spring and Spring to Fall semesters, excluding summer terms.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, excluding developmental coursework.
- Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 will have one semester to raise their GPAs. Students will not receive the 10% rebate for the semester that their cumulative GPAs fall below 3.0 and will have their benefits reinstated only if they
- Raise their cumulative GPAs to a 3.0 or above by the end of the following semester.
- Complete an A2B mapped associate degree pathway within 2½ years of submitting the Participation Form.
- Complete a bachelor’s degree in within 2 years after transfer.
- Different timelines apply to MassArt and Mass Maritime.

**Student benefits include:**
- A freeze on tuition and mandatory fees.
- 10% rebate of tuition and mandatory fees at the end of every successfully completed semester.
- Equal access to available openings in all designated pathways.
- Guaranteed acceptance into the corresponding A2B mapped bachelor’s degree pathway, space permitting.
- Treatment as native juniors at state universities and UMass campuses.
- Treatment as native sophomores at MassArt and Mass Maritime.

**Some pathways are not available at some institutions.**

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**Reverse Transfer**

A statewide process for students who transfer from community colleges to state universities and UMass campuses before earning an associate degree to transfer credit back to their community colleges to complete their degree requirements. Students must:

- Have matriculated at a community college.
- Earned at least 30 credits toward an associate degree.
- Maintained a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Not earned an associate degree.
- Complete the associate degree requirements of the program in progress at the time of transfer or a Liberal Arts/General Studies program.

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**Transfer Principles**

Transfer Principles ensure that:

- Students are treated consistently across the state.
- Credit accepted in transfer reflects appropriate levels of academic quality.
- Credit is applicable to students’ programs of study.