Finding Data on CIP Codes

Over the last few months, NCES has been receiving questions such as ***"How can I find a list of schools that use a specific CIP Code?"*** and ***"How can I find what CIP Codes my postsecondary institution uses?"***. The quickest and easiest way to answer both of these questions is to use the NCES website College Navigator, which presents the data collected from the IPEDS surveys for each postsecondary institution. This blog posting shows step by step how to find answers to these questions using College Navigator.

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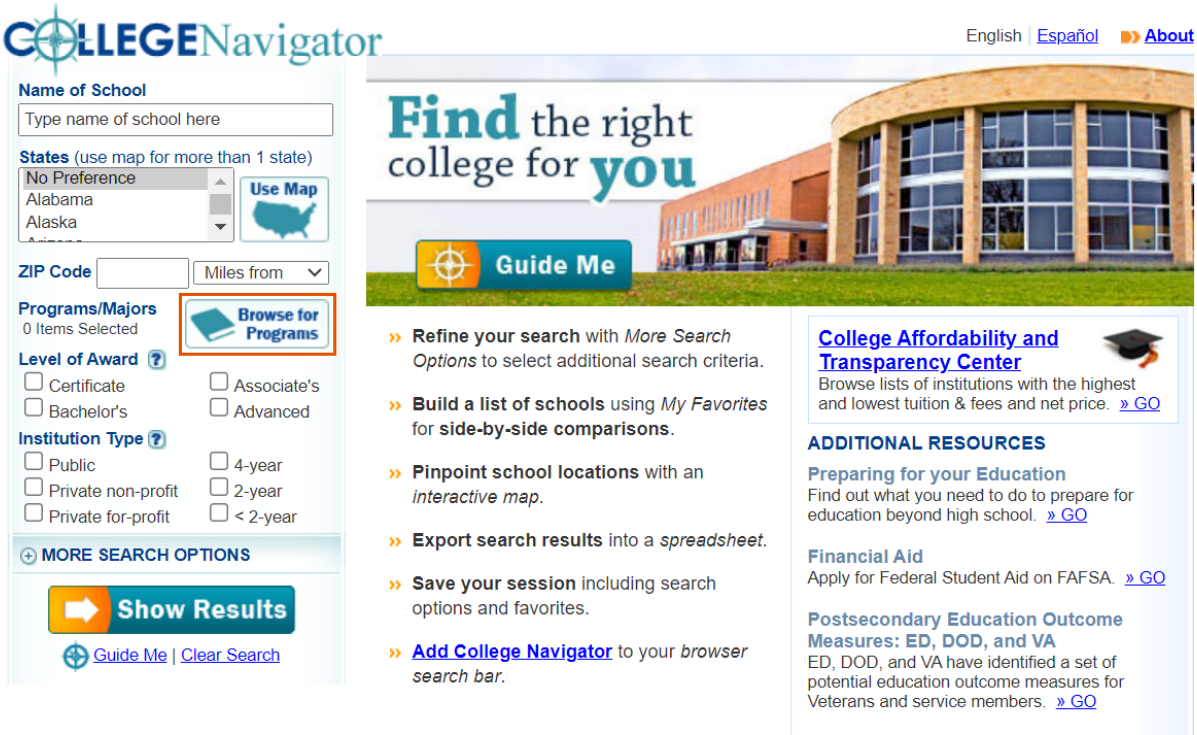
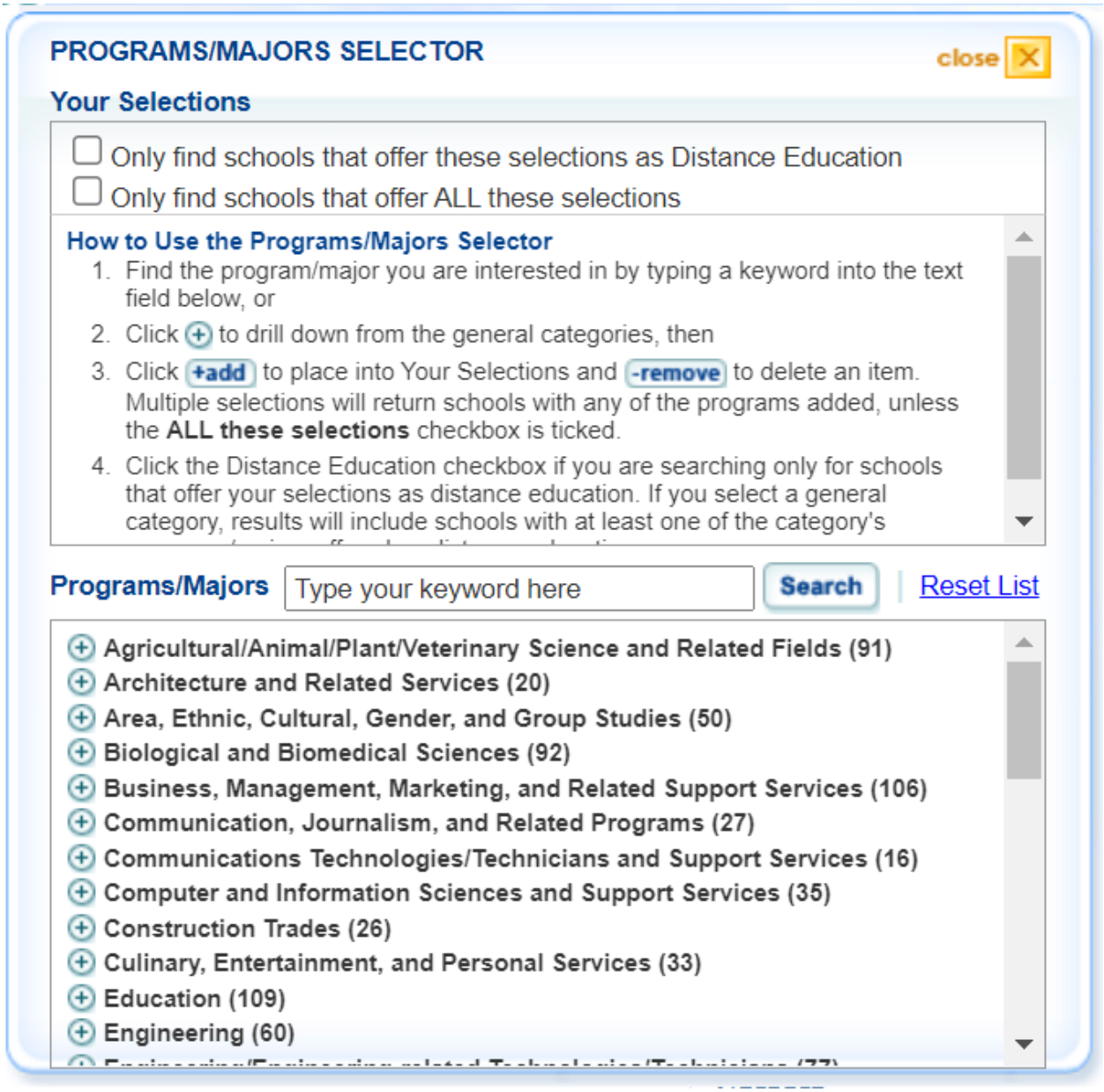
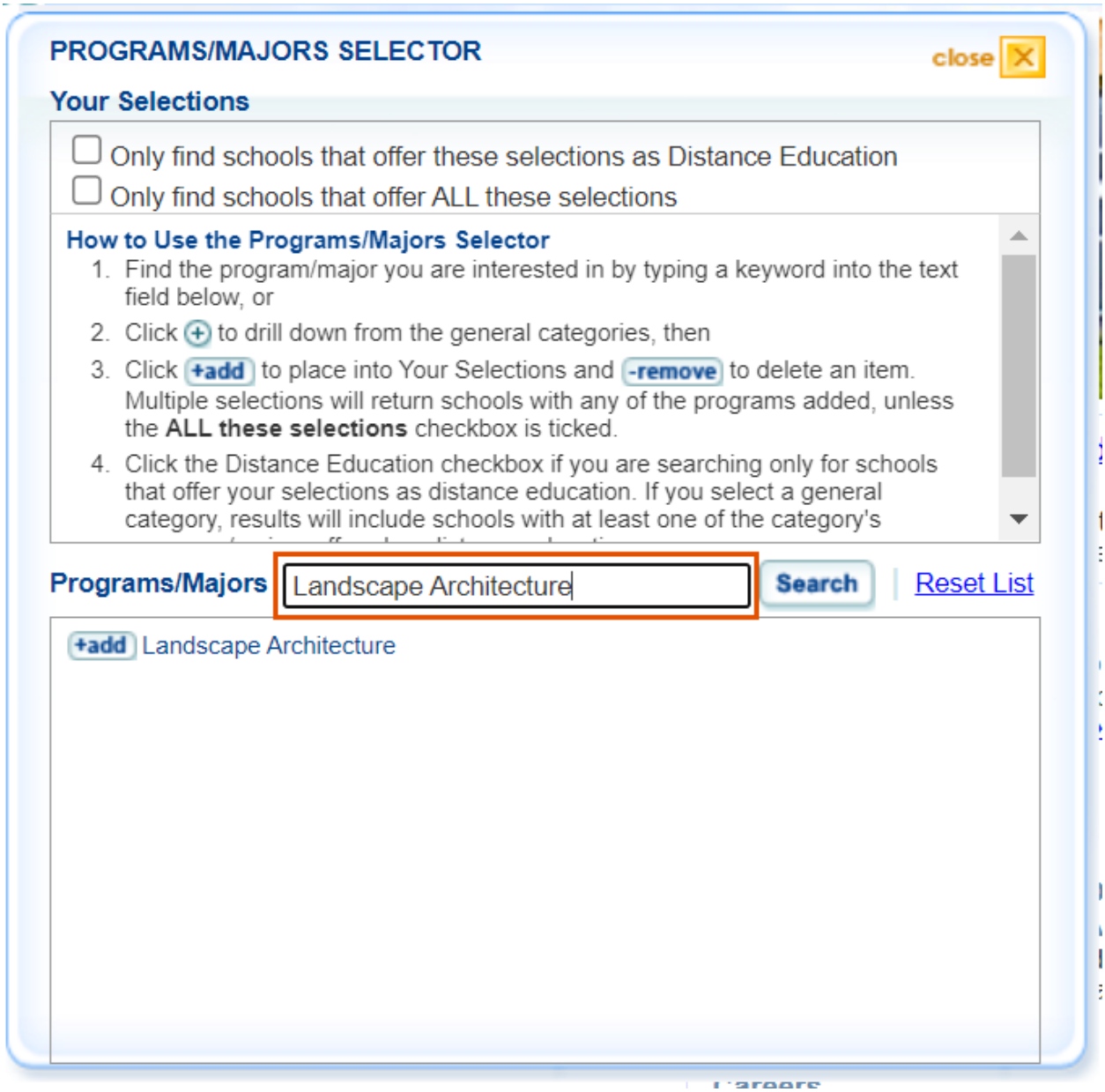
On the home page of the College Navigator website, there is an icon of a book with the text "Browse for Programs" beside it. In the screen shot below this icon has a red box around it.



Click on the Browse for Programs icon and a dialog box will pop up with a list of possible programs and majors.

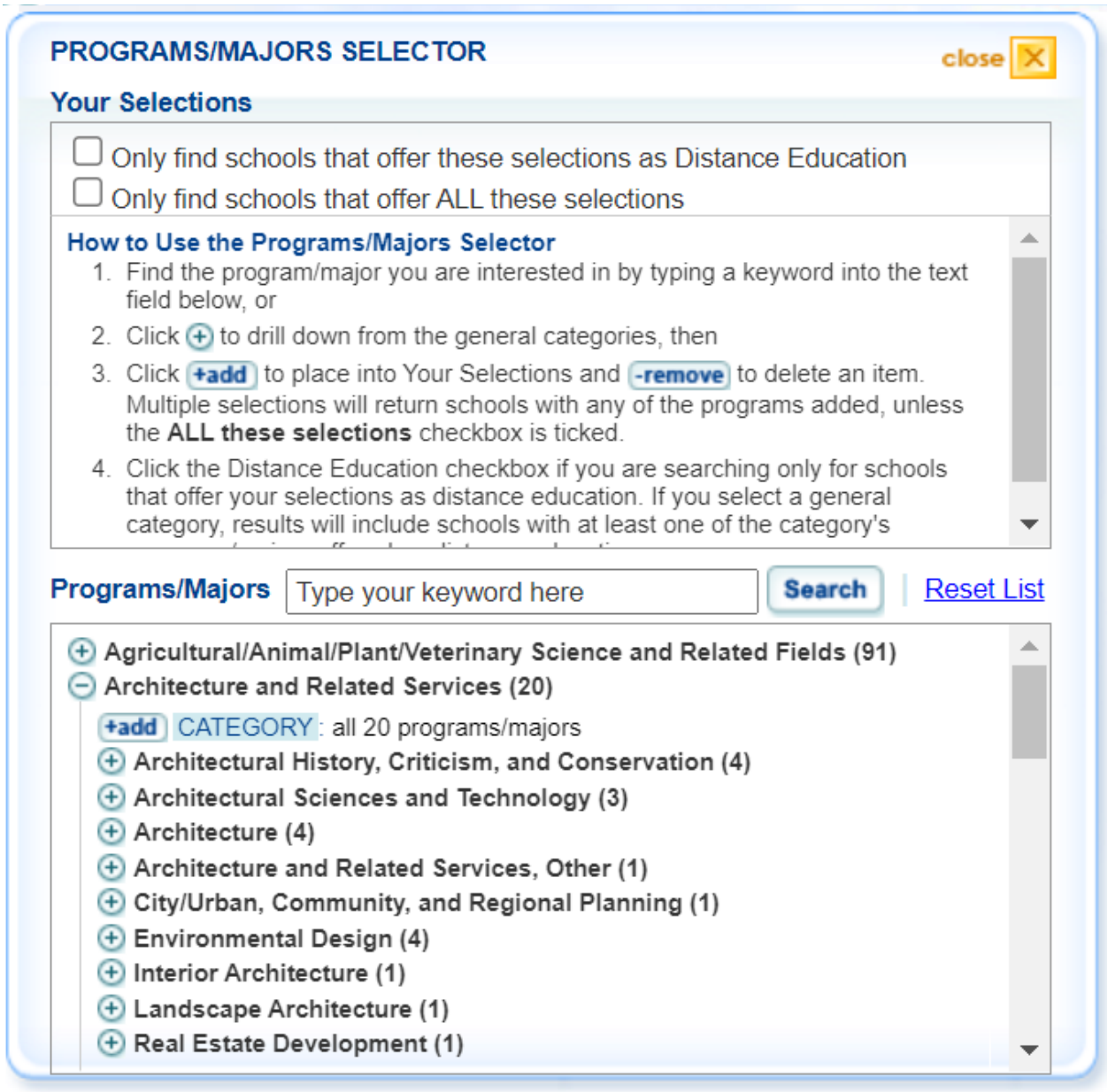


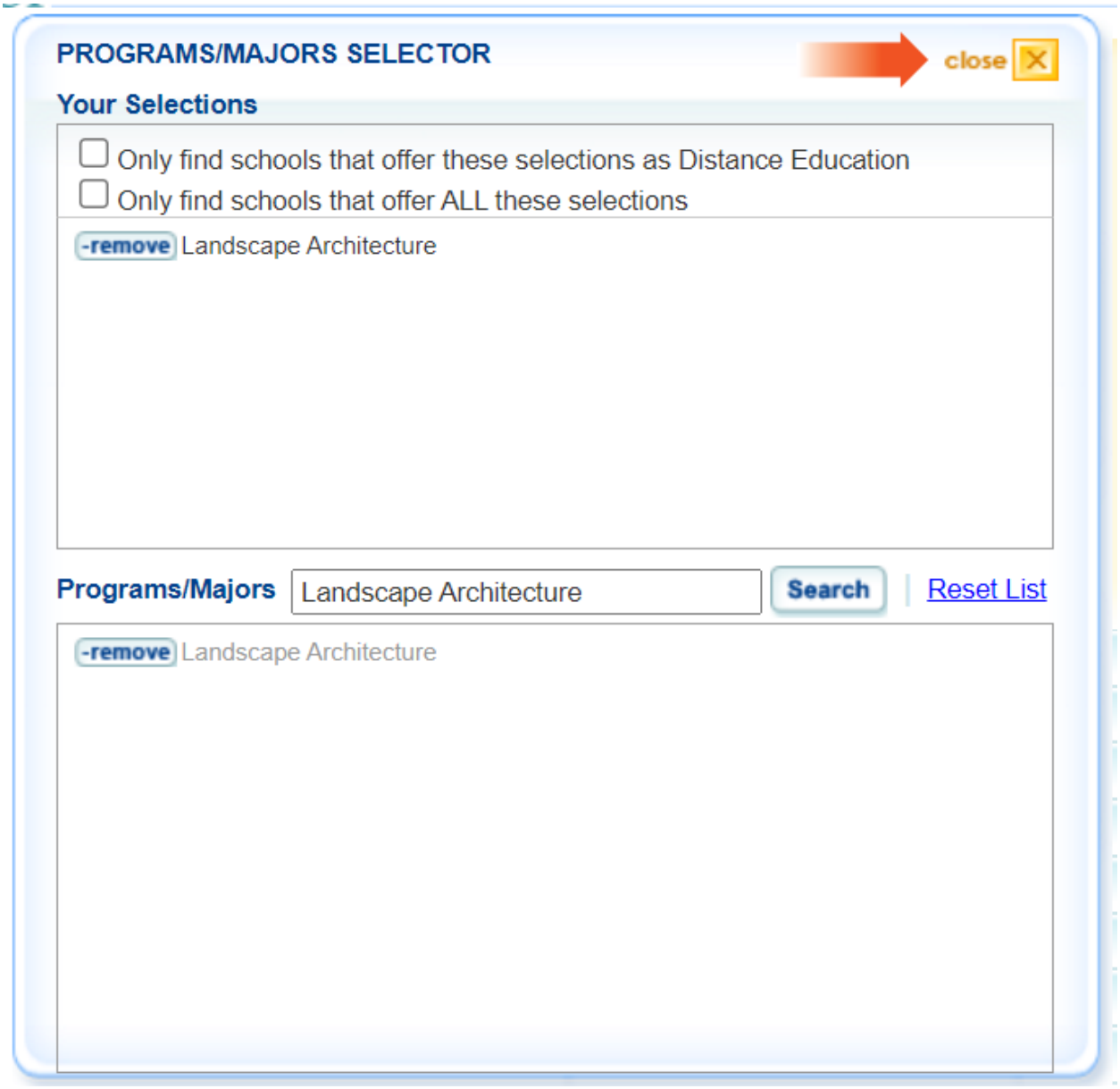
While it may not seem obvious at first, the list of programs and majors is actually a list of 2 digit CIP codes organized in alphabetical order instead of numerical order. The numbers in parentheses at the end of each line refers to the number of categories or CIP Codes which can be found in each of the categories. There are two different ways that the user can select a CIP Code. The first is to type the name of the program in the search box. In this example, the user is searching for schools that offer a program in Landscape Architecture.



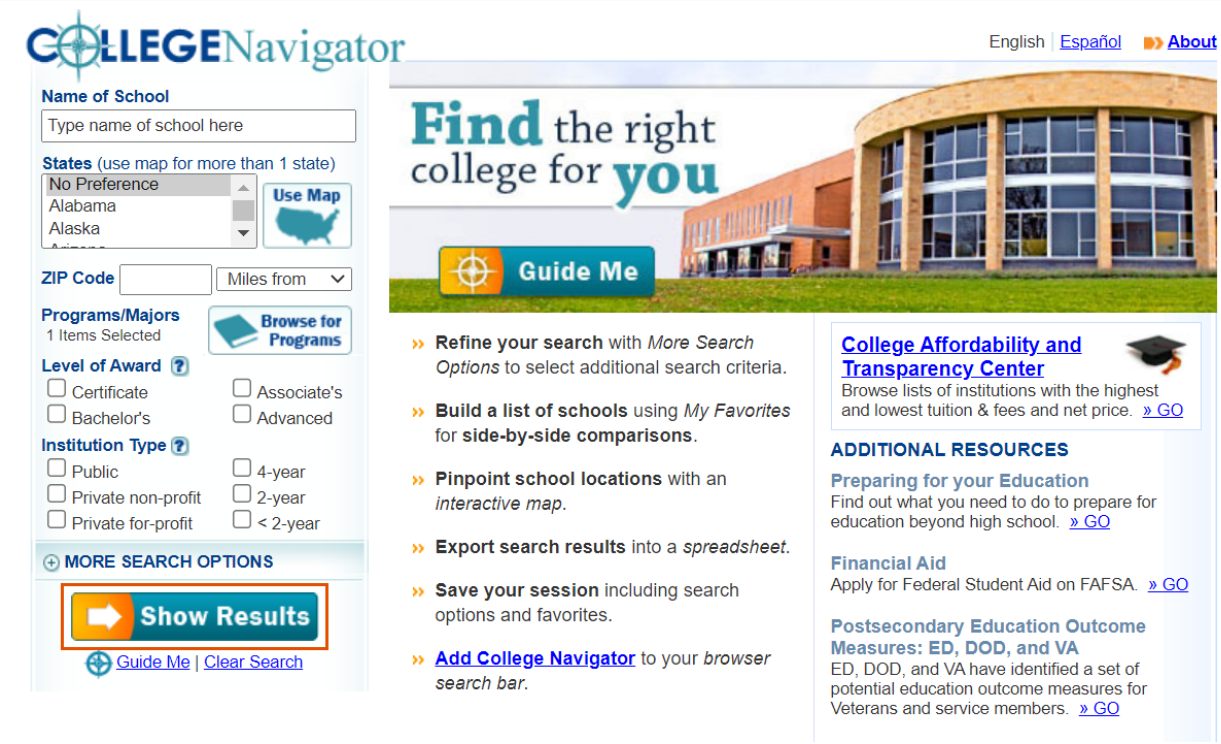
After typing Landscape Architecture into the search box and clicking Search, College Navigator returns a list of relevant CIP Codes. To select the CIP Code that is the best match, click the add Button.

Alternatively, you could have selected Landscape Architecture by clicking on the plus sign next to Architecture and Related Services, clicking on the plus sign next to Landscape Architecture and clicking the add button next to Landscape Architecture.

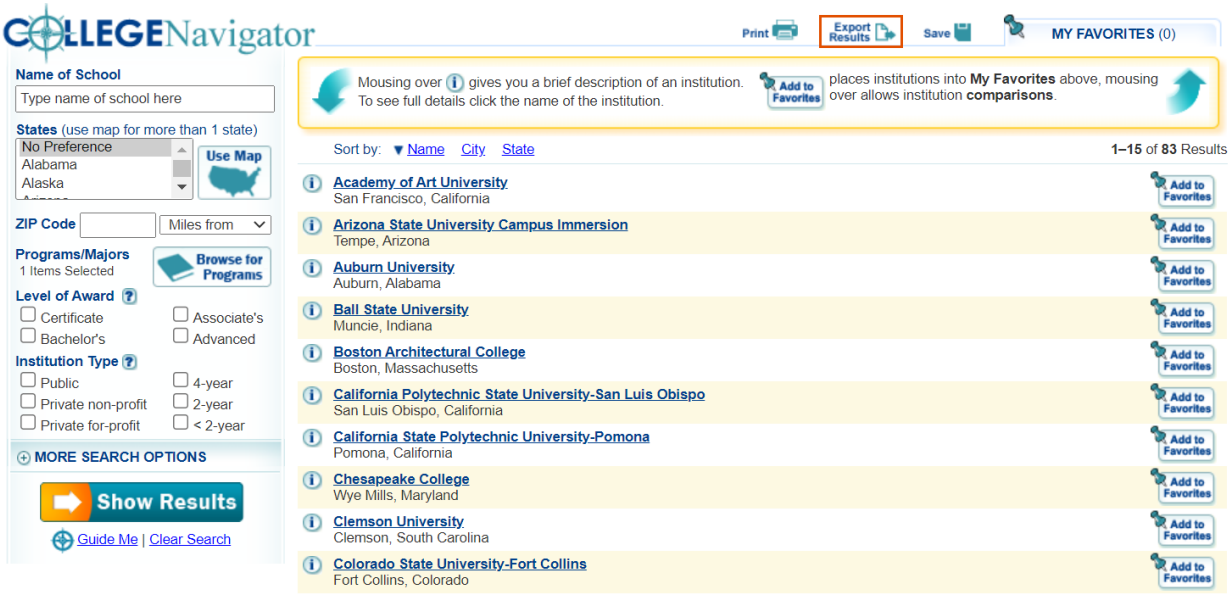

PROGRAMS/MAJORS SELECTOR
close
Your Selections
Only find schools that offer these selections as Distance Education
Only find schools that offer ALL these selections
How to Use the Programs/Majors Selector
1. Find the program/major you are interested in by typing a keyword into the text field below, or
2. Click ⊕ to drill down from the general categories, then
3. Click +add to place into Your Selections and -remove to delete an item. Multiple selections will return schools with any of the programs added, unless the ALL these selections checkbox is ticked.
4. Click the Distance Education checkbox if you are searching only for schools that offer your selections as distance education. If you select a general category, results will include schools with at least one of the category's
Programs/Majors
Type your keyword here
Search
Reset List
⊕ Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields (91)
⊖ Architecture and Related Services (20)
+add CATEGORY: all 20 programs/majors
⊕ Architectural History, Criticism, and Conservation (4)
⊕ Architectural Sciences and Technology (3)
⊕ Architecture (4)
⊕ Architecture and Related Services, Other (1)
⊕ City/Urban, Community, and Regional Planning (1)
⊕ Environmental Design (4)
⊕ Interior Architecture (1)
⊕ Landscape Architecture (1)
⊕ Real Estate Development (1)



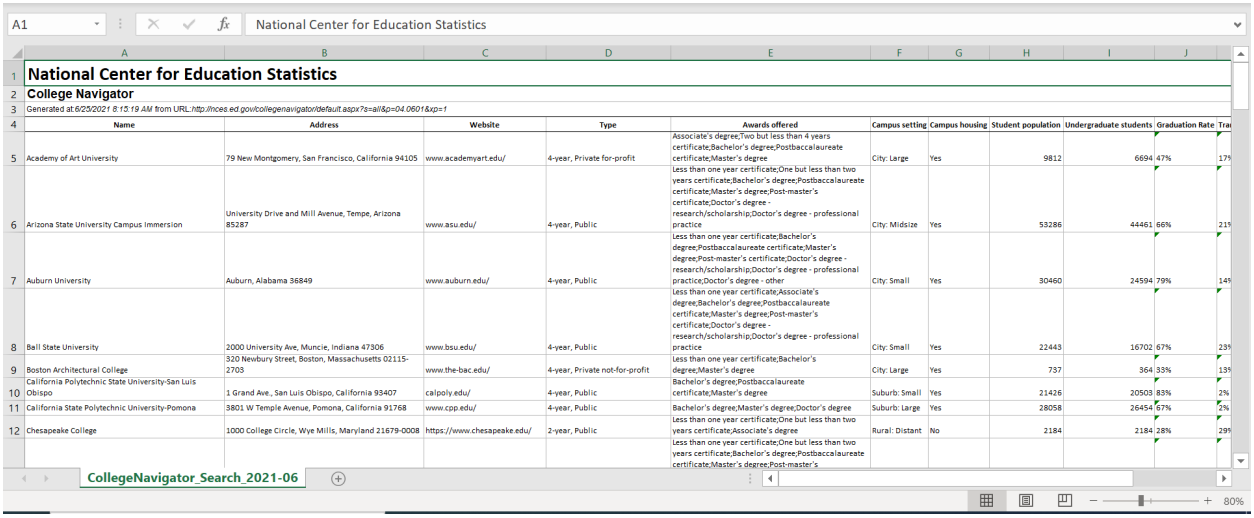
After clicking add, the text for the program(s) that have been selected changes color from Black to Gray and the icon changes from add to remove. If there is a CIP Code(s) that you selected by accident, simply click the remove icon. After confirming that you have selected the appropriate CIP Codes, click on the x in the upper right hand corner to close the Program/Majors Selected and you will return to the College Navigator homepage. To get a list of schools that offer program/majors that you have selected, click the Show Results Button.



In this example, there are 83 institutions which offer a program in Landscape Architecture, which are spread across six screens. To see a complete list in one place, click on the export results icon and specify whether you want the results as a CSV file or an Excel File.



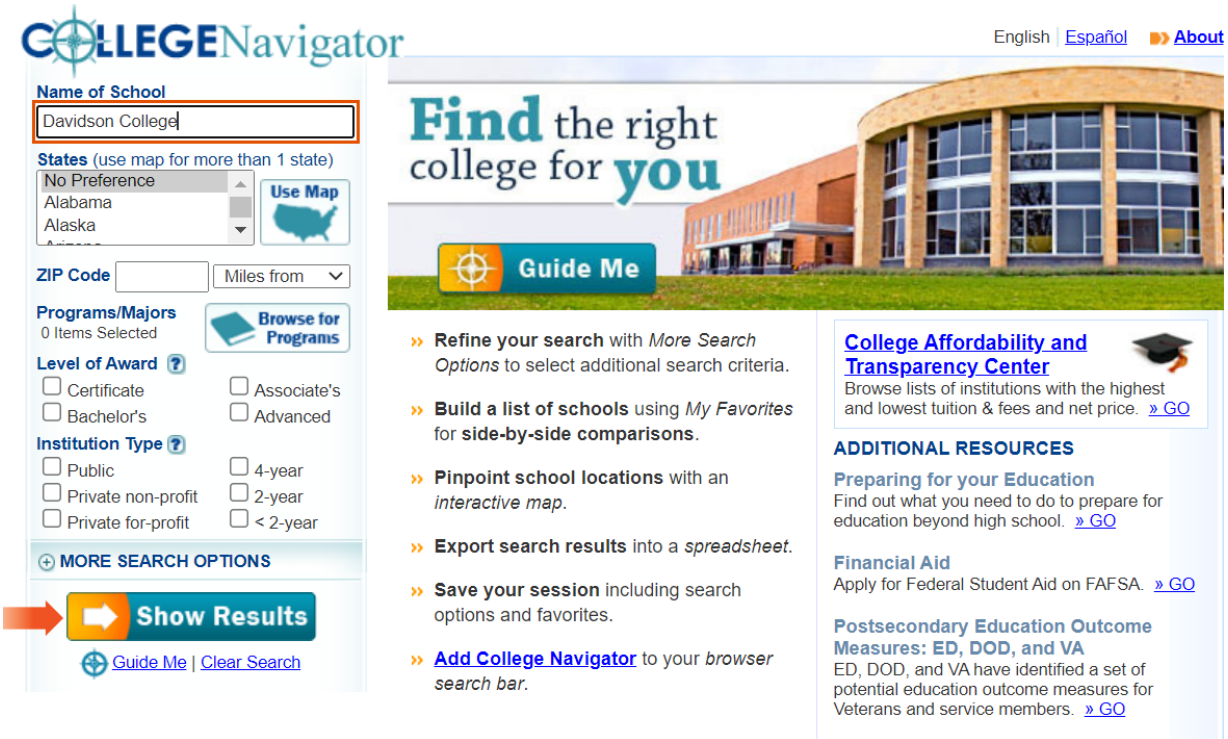
Here is an example of the exported results:



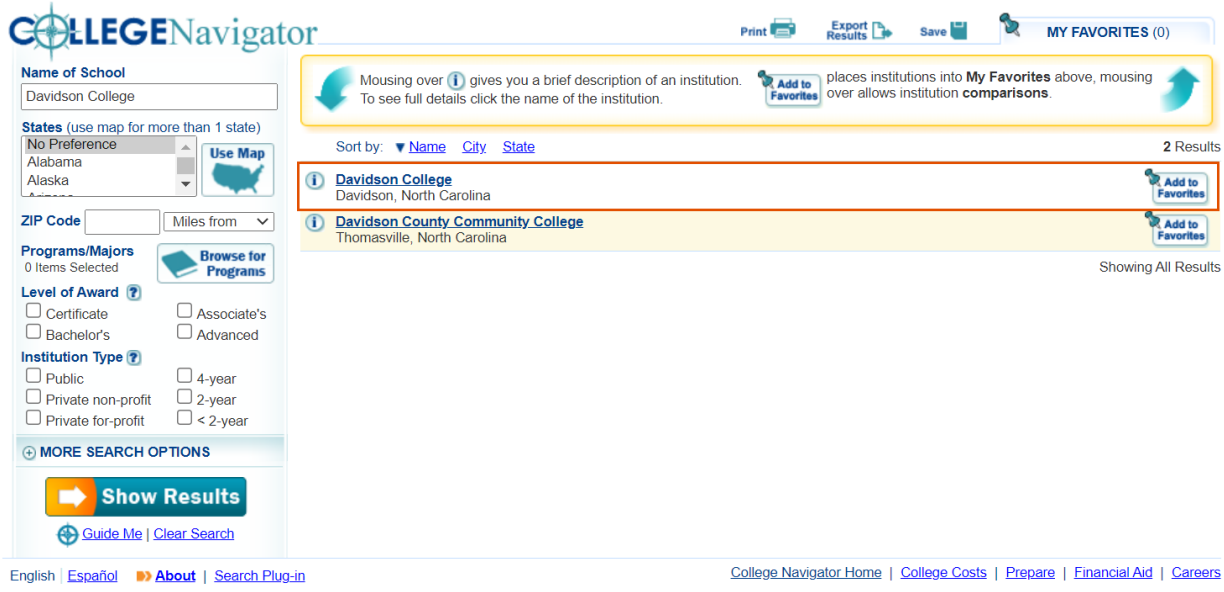
Name	Address	Website	Type	Awards offered	Campus setting	Campus housing	Student population	Undergraduate students	Graduation Rate
Academy of Art University	79 New Montgomery, San Francisco, California 94105	www.academyart.edu/	4-year, Private for-profit	Associate's degree;Two but less than 4 years certificate;Bachelor's degree;Postbaccalaureate certificate;Master's degree	City: Large	Yes	9812	6694	47%
Arizona State University Campus Immersion	University Drive and Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85287	www.asu.edu/	4-year, Public	Less than one year certificate;One but less than two years certificate;Bachelor's degree;Postbaccalaureate certificate;Master's degree;Post-master's certificate;Doctor's degree - research/scholarship;Doctor's degree - professional practice	City: Midsize	Yes	53286	44461	66%
Auburn University	Auburn, Alabama 36849	www.auburn.edu/	4-year, Public	Less than one year certificate;Bachelor's degree;Postbaccalaureate certificate;Master's degree;Post-master's certificate;Doctor's degree - research/scholarship;Doctor's degree - professional practice;Doctor's degree - other	City: Small	Yes	30460	24594	79%
Ball State University	2000 University Ave, Muncie, Indiana 47306	www.bsu.edu/	4-year, Public	Less than one year certificate;Associate's degree;Bachelor's degree;Postbaccalaureate certificate;Master's degree;Post-master's certificate;Doctor's degree - research/scholarship;Doctor's degree - professional practice	City: Small	Yes	22443	16702	67%
Boston Architectural College	320 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115-2703	www.the-bac.edu/	4-year, Private not-for-profit	Less than one year certificate;Bachelor's degree;Master's degree	City: Large	Yes	737	364	33%
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, California 93407	calpoly.edu/	4-year, Public	Bachelor's degree;Postbaccalaureate certificate;Master's degree	Suburb: Small	Yes	21426	20503	83%
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	3801 W Temple Avenue, Pomona, California 91768	www.cpp.edu/	4-year, Public	Bachelor's degree;Master's degree;Doctor's degree	Suburb: Large	Yes	28058	26454	67%
Chesapeake College	1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, Maryland 21679-0008	https://www.chesapeake.edu/	2-year, Public	Less than one year certificate;One but less than two years certificate;Associate's degree	Rural: Distant	No	2184	2184	28%

How can I find what CIP Codes my postsecondary institution uses?

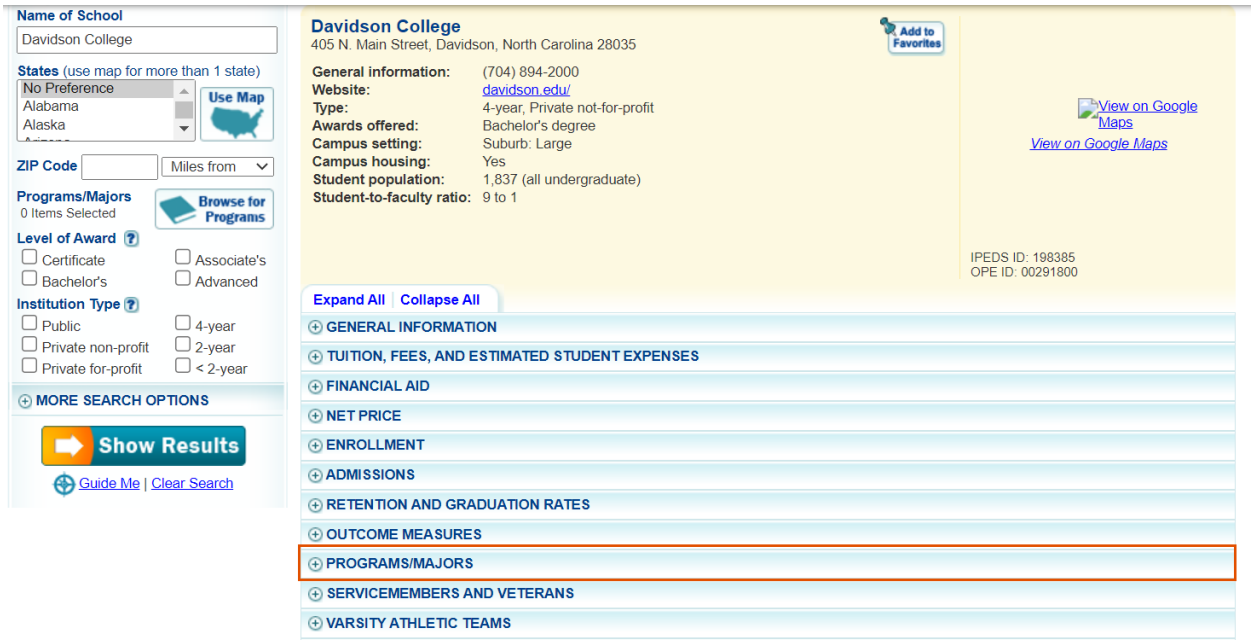
This question can also be answered using College Navigator. Starting on the College Navigator website, type the name of the institution in the School Name Box and then click the Show Results button.



College Navigator returns a list of all schools with names that could be possible matches. In this example, I was interested in finding out about Davidson College, which returned two possible institutions.



After clicking on the link for Davidson College, the user will be taken to a statistical profile for the institution which summarizes the data collected through the IPEDS Surveys. Click on the plus sign next to programs/majors.



After clicking on the plus sign for Programs/Majors, you will see a list of CIP Codes that the school selected on their IPEDS Completion Survey along with the number of completions reported by award level for that CIP Code. For example, Davidson College awarded 4 bachelor's degrees under the CIP Code, Latin Caribbean Studies.

▼PROGRAM	BACHELOR
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	
African Studies	7
East Asian Studies	1
Ethnic, Cultural Minority, Gender, and Group Studies, Other	0
Latin American Studies	4
Category total	**12**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	62
Category total	**62**
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	
Computer and Information Sciences, General	33
Category total	**33**
English Language and Literature/Letters	
English Language and Literature, General	27
Category total	**27**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	
Chinese Language and Literature	1
Classics and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, General	3
French Language and Literature	2
German Language and Literature	5
Spanish Language and Literature	11
Category total	**22**