California Community Colleges

AB 1111: Common Course Numbering (CCN)

January 2024 through March 2024 CCN Update

The CCN system will establish a structure that maximizes credit mobility for all students, strengthening equitable transfer and student success. More specifically, it will support students in areas such as building cohesive academic plans, understanding how required courses transfer and apply to completion, and making informed course selections that support degree completion. The vision of CCN is to achieve intra- and inter segmental consistency for articulating commonly numbered courses within the California Community Colleges and between the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), while preserving institutional and faculty autonomy.

During January 2024, the Chancellor's Office contacted intersegmental stakeholder groups for appointments to the CCN Council, the Developmental Workgroup, and the Technology and Processes Workgroup as outlined in the CCN Task Force Report. The CCN Council operates as a Chancellor's Office participatory governance group inclusive of intersegmental leadership from four-year transfer partners.

The inaugural CCN Steering Committee and inaugural CCN Council meeting (February 2024) commenced, and began the work of strategizing the CCN implementation, identifying policy barriers to strong implementation, and designing a sustainability structure to evaluate and continually improve the process.

In March 2024, the CCN Council agreed on roles and responsibilities, outlined the strategic direction and expectations of the Development and Technology Workgroups, discussed anticipated costs and appropriations, work and operational plan components, timeline, deadlines, and communicating with key stakeholders. Additionally, the CCN Steering Committee and Council advanced six Phase I courses that were strategically selected based on two primary criteria: high enrollment figures and alignment with the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). This targeted selection (College Composition**,** Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking, Public Speaking, Intro to Statistics, Intro to American Government and Politics, Intro to Psychology) is designed to maximize impact and efficiency in the initial roll-out of the CCN initiative. The Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges (ASCCC), the CCN Development Workgroup, and the California Community College Chancellor's Office collaborated to design a series of six intensive intersegmental discipline-specific faculty convenings to gather curriculum content needed for course outlines. Faculty participation for the summer sessions is critical to maintain project momentum. The faculty convenings will take place in June and July.

What's next?
In April 2024 and through May 2024, the CNN Technology Workgroup outlined a process map that identified technology systems impacted by CCN. The CCN Development Workgroup drafted a CCN Course Template to determine identical and local components of the course outline. The template ensures comparable course elements and supports consistent articulation across the community college system. Both groups provided suggestions on taxonomy and are preparing for Phase II of the CCN project, which will overlap with Phase I. Colleges will receive CCN implementation information in

September 2024. The Chancellor's Office provided an update memo ESLEI 24-22, released April 15, 2024, and the CCN Council held its first informational webinar on May 15, 2024. All updates and project information can be found on the CNN project website.

Finally, Assembly Bill 183 (Higher Education Trailer Bill 2022-2023) one-time allocation to community colleges is intended to assist with the adoption of and transition to, a common course numbering system pursuant to Section 66725.5 of the Education Code. Colleges will receive funding information in September 2024.