

AB 1111: Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update

July 2025 through September 2025 CCN Update

The third-quarter CCN activity was extensive. The CCN Team presented at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Curriculum Institute in July, and intersegmental faculty teams began developing Phase III templates for approximately 50 courses. In August, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) issued Memo ESS 25-56: Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update, Curricular Guidance and Information for Common Course Numbering System Implementation of Phase IIA and Phase IIB CCN Course Outlines, followed by a webinar in September 2025.

The Chancellor's Office continued efforts on intersegmental articulation transfer agreements by formally requesting that UC, CSU, and their academic senates, as well as Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS), test a process to use Phase III CCN templates for transferability and Cal-GETC decisions before releasing the templates to the community colleges. However, all parties declined, citing timeline constraints and existing review processes, which currently rely on evaluating course outlines from all 115 colleges. The lack of consensus around the use of templates has brought us to a critical decision point. We continue to believe that system-to-system articulation is the most effective and scalable solution.

In September, Phase I CCN courses became student-facing, providing students with greater clarity and consistency. Additionally, the CCN Council finalized and endorsed the Sustainability Plan, ensuring long-term CCN continuity. The Sustainability Plan is in alignment with the Chancellor Office's <u>Vision 2030 -The July 2025 Edition</u>.

What's next?

Looking ahead to the next quarter and beyond, the Chancellor's Office will continue to advocate for practical, system-wide solutions, and our focus will shift toward building a sustainable infrastructure to support the long-term success of CCN.

AB 1111 was created to streamline transfer and reduce excess units for California's students. We have come a long way in building the Common Course Numbering (CCN) system for the students in the California Community Colleges and now it's time to focus on a shared responsibility for articulation across all higher education public systems.