



AB1111: Common Course Numbering (CCN)

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Common Course Numbering (CCN) System Update – April 14, 2025

On April 14, 2025, the CCN Steering Committee hosted a webinar in coordination with the release of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) memo: [ESS 25-11: Common Course Numbering \(CCN\) System Update and Implementation \(Phase II\)](#). This webinar also marked the initial launch of Phase II course templates.

Articulation and Student Transfer

A major theme raised during the webinar was concern about the articulation of Phase I CCN courses: how they are recognized for transfer and degree credit at other institutions. While CCN aims to simplify and align course naming across colleges, it is critical that these shared course numbers are backed by formal articulation agreements. Without these agreements, students may assume a course like *ENGL C1000: Academic Reading and Writing* will automatically meet the same requirements at different colleges or universities, which may not be the case.

The CCN Council continues to advocate for systemwide articulation agreements to accompany the development of CCN templates. Relying on individual colleges to negotiate 116 separate agreements could result in inconsistencies that disadvantage students.

What's next?

Phase II & III Course Templates

The next set of Phase II course templates will be released to colleges soon, with the goal of making them available to students by fall 2027. At the same time, the [Academic Senate for California Community Colleges \(ASCCC\)](#) has begun work on the 47 courses identified for Phase III, also scheduled for student-facing implementation in fall 2027.

Planning for Long-Term Sustainability

To support CCN beyond its initial rollout, a planning retreat was held at the Chancellor's Office on May 8, 2025. The session focused on developing a sustainable, long-term framework for implementing and maintaining CCN beyond Fall 2027. A sustainability plan is currently in development and will require ongoing funding and dedicated resources to ensure continued success. A stable CCN system benefits everyone— students, faculty, and institutions— by reducing confusion, duplication, and barriers to completion.

Upcoming Webinar – Late Summer 2025

The CCN Steering Committee is preparing to host a webinar in mid to late August or early September for faculty, curriculum and articulation leaders, administrators, counselors,

and others supporting student pathways. This session will offer important updates on progress on Phase II and Phase III templates, sustainability planning, and next steps.