



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, REGARDING
ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 2 of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (Board) Procedures and Standing Orders, that the Board proposes to adopt the regulatory action described below after a public hearing, and considering all comments, objections, or recommendations received regarding the proposed action during the public comment period.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held during the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on July 24, 2023. The July 24, 2023, Board of Governors meeting will be held in-person.

In-Person Participation

California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office Building
Sixth Floor, Board of Governors Chambers
1102 Q Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Parking options can be found on our website.

When held in person, all Board of Governors (Board) meetings are held in locations that are open to the public and wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations, such as alternate media materials, sign language interpreters, or real-time transcription, will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify the Board Liaison at ccastro@cccco.edu, (916) 323-5889, **no less than five business days prior to the meeting.**

Public Comment Request Process

Public Comment: Effective immediately, all meetings of the Board of Governor (Board) will be held in person. The Board will resume the public comment procedures that were in place prior to the pandemic. **As a result, please be advised that Zoom public comments will no longer be accepted.** Members of the public seeking to comment on an agenda item or another topic within the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors will be given the opportunity to comment in advance or in-person at the location listed above. All comments will be limited to two minutes and the following policies:

- 1. Written:** You may email your comment request in advance to BoardComments@cccco.edu. In the mail subject line, specify the item number associated with your comment. Persons seeking to address the Board on a topic not on the agenda must do so during the public forum item. At the top of your email, you may identify yourself or indicate that you choose to remain anonymous. All written public comments must be submitted by the end of business, Wednesday, **July 19, 2023**. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to the Board of Governors and made public.
- 2. In-Person:** A request for comments must be submitted on the form provided by the Board Liaison. Persons seeking to address the Board on a topic not on the agenda must do so during the public forum item. All in-person comments must be submitted before the item concluded. The Board will announce your name in the order it was received.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to limit the total amount of time allocated for public comment on particular issues and for each individual speaker. (Gov. Code 11125.7.)

For members of the public utilizing a translator or other translating technology, the Chancellor's Office shall provide twice the allotted time to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Board. (Gov. Code 11125.7.)

Remote Attendance – Join Zoom Meeting

Or join the meeting by phone: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 381 430 034

Password: 234632

Or iPhone one-tap: +16699006833,,381430034#

International numbers are available online

Captions are provided during the webinar.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may also submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To help ensure comments are understood as they are intended, we suggest that they clearly identify the proposed regulatory action that each comment addresses, with reference to specific section and subparagraph numbers where appropriate. Please arrange comments in the same order as in the proposed regulatory action. Comments should be addressed to:

Regulations Coordinator
California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 4550
Sacramento, CA 95811-6549
regcomments@cccco.edu

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2023. All written comments received by Chancellor's Office staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulatory action substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulatory action if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposed regulatory action will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption, and will be provided to those persons who have requested or are required to receive notification of regulatory actions, or who have provided written or oral comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The Chancellor's Office and the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C) have been reviewing and revising these regulations since 2020, when the Chancellor's Office and 5C brought forward the regulatory recommendation to institute an Ethnic Studies course requirement in Section 55063 (the Board of Governors unanimously approved that revision at the July 2021 Board of Governors meeting). The

2021 revisions streamlined and reorganized Section 55063, but it was not holistically reviewed and revised. The Chancellor's Office and 5C committed to complete that more holistic review and have done so over the past two academic years. This present proposed regulatory action is the culmination of that work, which includes field vetting with amendments to the Title 5 regulations to bring them into alignment with current legislation, allow for innovation in curriculum development, and streamline and simplify requirements for students.

Specific amendments include:

- Removing the requirement of Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite for a course to be approved to meet the mathematics competency;
- Clarifying definitions of course "completion" (student receives credit) and course "satisfactory completion" (student receives "C" or better or "P");
- Allows districts to calculate Grade Point Average (GPA) solely on courses that satisfy degree requirements when a student earns over 60 units (for local degrees);
- Clarifying that a course may be used by a student to meet a general education area, a major/area of emphasis requirement, and a competency demonstration;
- Adding language from Section 55064 regarding the use of noncredit courses to fulfill credit requirements as a form of credit for prior learning;
- Removing references to specific disciplines and adding language focusing on competencies students should be able to demonstrate;
- Alignment with California General Education Transfer Curriculum (CalGETC) pattern;
- Clarifying that Ethnic Studies courses are Baccalaureate-level courses; and
- Clarifying that students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from an institutionally-accredited institution (new United States Department of Education nomenclature) shall be deemed to have fulfilled the general education course requirements for the associate degree.

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed regulatory action are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: *None*.

Cost or savings to state agencies: *None*.

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 title 2 of the Government Code: *None*.

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: *None*.

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: *None*.

The proposed amendments to title 5 would result in no fiscal impact to local or state governments, nor will it have any fiscal impact on any federal funding.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the language of the proposed regulatory action, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained online at:

[Office of General Counsel - Pending Regulatory Action](#)

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the July 24, 2023, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulatory action. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.