



California Community Colleges

AB 1111: Common Course Numbering (CCN)

October 2025 through December 2025 CCN Update

CCN activity at the end of 2025 remained robust as the project continues with Phase III. The Phase III CCN Courses are anticipated to be student-facing by Fall 2027. The CCN Team presented updates at the Fall 2025 CIO–CSSO Conference in October and at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary in November. Phase III template development for approximately 50 courses continued throughout the quarter, with intersegmental discipline faculty invited to provide content feedback on the Phase III CCN Course Templates. The California Community Colleges began CCN course submission for Cal-GETC (General Education) approval for Phase II courses so that these courses are articulated and student-facing in Fall 2026 and Fall 2027.

The vision of CCN is to achieve intra- and intersegmental consistency in the articulation of commonly numbered courses within the California Community Colleges and across 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. The California State University Chancellor’s Office (CSUCO) and the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) provided valuable informal feedback on the Phase III draft Templates to support potential transferability and articulation agreements; however, transferability and articulation agreements for the California Community Colleges are not guaranteed. All physical 115 California community colleges are required to submit individual CCN course outlines aligned with CCN templates to gain needed transferability and articulation agreements across the CSU and UC system.

The CCN Council operates as a Chancellor’s Office participatory governance group that includes intersegmental leadership from four-year transfer partners. During this period, the CCN Council approved a sustainability plan to support the continuation of CCN work post-implementation. Assembly Bill 1111 (AB 1111) was enacted to streamline transfer pathways and reduce excess units for California students. Significant progress has been made in building the Common Course Numbering system for California community colleges, and attention is now shifting toward shared responsibility for articulation across all public higher education systems.

In December, the CCN Council received positive feedback from a UC faculty representative regarding the evolution of the CCN template design, particularly its ability to document increased instructional rigor and its potential application within transferability processes. The CCN Council discussed the immediate need for system-wide transferability and articulation agreements prior to moving beyond CCN implementation. CCCs have expressed concern about the potential loss of existing agreements without clarity

regarding CSU and UC articulation. Proceeding with CCN implementation without a defined pathway to system-to-system articulation may negatively impact students to gain maximum credit mobility.

What's next?

The Phase III Templates will be considered for release pending the opportunity to utilize CCN Course Templates as a vehicle for transferability and articulation. The CCN Council is also forming work groups to advance activities outlined in the sustainability plan, including testing an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to identify courses that may be commonly numbered in the future, as well as continuing to advocate for practical system-wide solutions for transferability and articulation.

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