

**15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION  
REGARDING  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (CLIMATE)**

**15-Day Notice published April 24, 2026**

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges hereby provides notice of changes to the above-referenced proposed regulatory action that was the subject of a public hearing on March 24, 2026. Section 206, subdivision (c), of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors requires the Board to re-notice a proposed regulatory action where the proposed regulations have been previously considered, are being modified, and the modifications are substantial and sufficiently related to the text of the previously-proposed regulations.

**CHANGES TO THE TEXT**

Following the 45-day comment period that ended on April 19, 2026, and the March 24, 2026, Board meeting, changes were made to this regulatory action in proposed section 55061, subdivision (c)(5). The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will present this regulatory action to the Board of Governors at its May 19, 2026 meeting. The changes are submitted for an additional 15-day comment period effective today, April 24, 2026.

The changes to the proposed regulatory action are denoted by double underline for additions to the text and ~~double-strikeout~~ for deletions from the text.

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice. The Chancellor's Office will respond to comments received that are related only to the revisions made to title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 55061, subdivision (c)(5) after the close of the 15-day comment period. Comments should be addressed to:

Regulations Coordinator  
California Community Colleges  
Chancellor's Office  
1102 Q Street, Suite 636  
Sacramento, CA 95811-6549  
Email: [regcomments@cccco.edu](mailto:regcomments@cccco.edu)

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2026. 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 THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION**

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.

### **INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

This is a second reading of proposed regulatory amendments to title 5, section 55061, regarding Associate Degree Course Requirements related to climate. One revision was made to the regulatory text that was presented for first reading before the Board of Governors at its March 2026 meeting. The lone revision replaces the word "may" with "shall" in subdivision (c)(5) of section 55061. This change is intended to clarify that the impact of human activities on climate and the environment must be incorporated into natural science courses as appropriate.

### **ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

The change made to the regulatory text after the 45-day public comment period has no substantive effect as it principally serves to clarify the requirement of the subdivision. Because the change is nonsubstantive, the estimated cost or savings attributable to the proposed regulatory action is 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, of 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*

## **CONTACT PERSON**

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator at [regcomments@cccco.edu](mailto:regcomments@cccco.edu).

## **TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS**

Copies of the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice are attached as noted above. 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 May 19, 2026, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.