



Common Course Numbering

Communications Toolkit

Education Code Sections 66725-66725.5 [via [Assembly Bill No. 1111 \(Berman\)](#)] require implementation of a student-facing common course numbering (CCN) system across the California Community Colleges. The CCN system will assign the same course number to comparable courses across all California community colleges in order to “streamline transfer from two- to four-year postsecondary educational institutions and reduce excess credit accumulation.”

Talking Points - Student Service Officers

Access in Equity: CCN makes it easier for all students, particularly those from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds and first-generation students, to better understand which courses they need

By reducing barriers to transfer and degree completion, CCN ultimately contributes to higher student satisfaction and success rates.

By eliminating confusion over course equivalencies, students can more efficiently complete their degree or transfer requirements, potentially reducing their time to graduation and easing the transfer process to a UC or CSU.

Student services can more effectively communicate course options and degree requirements to students.

Standardized course numbers simplify the course selection process, making it easier for all students to understand their options and plan their academic journey.

For students returning to education after a break or those who have attended multiple California community colleges, CCN provides a clear framework to understand how previous coursework fits into their current academic plan.

It's important to prepare students for the transition to CCN, explaining how it benefits them while also acknowledging any adjustments they may need to make.

CCN makes it easier for advisors to guide students in selecting courses that will meet their certificate or degree requirements.

CCN provides an opportunity for closer collaboration between student services and academic departments, ensuring that all aspects of student support are aligned with the new course numbering system.

With standardized course numbers, advisors can confidently recommend courses that align with students' educational goals, knowing they will be recognized across the California Community Colleges.

CCN reduces barriers to transferring between community colleges and to four-year colleges or universities by ensuring that course equivalencies are clear and consistent, minimizing the risk of lost credits.

During orientation, CCN allows new students to better understand their academic pathways, leading to more informed decision-making from the start.

Encourage ongoing training and professional development for student services staff to ensure they are fully equipped to advise students under the new CCN framework.

Over time, CCN will lead to more efficient processes within student services, allowing staff to focus more on individualized student support rather than administrative tasks.

CCN ensures that all students, regardless of the California community college(s) they attend, are held to the same academic standards.

Ensure that students have access to ongoing support and that any questions about the transition to CCN are addressed promptly and clearly.