



By including fire and law enforcement courses in the Common Course Numbering system, students will have an easier time locating these courses across California Community Colleges. Many of the students enrolled in these programs are first responders furthering their education, so establishing consistency in required coursework will prevent them from taking redundant classes and allow for a smoother transfer process.

- 2) **Background.** A “common course numbering system” gives comparable courses at CCCs the same course number across all CCCs. Common course numbering systems apply the same titles, identification numbers and descriptions to comparable courses. SB 1415 (Brulte), Chapter 737, Statutes of 2004, required CCC and CSU to establish and utilize a common course numbering system. To fulfill this requirement, the CCC has used the Course-Identification (C-ID) numbering system, which has been developed over time through a collaborative faculty effort involving CCC and CSU. More recently, AB 1111 (Berman), Chapter 568, Statutes of 2021, required the CCCs to adopt, at all community colleges and for each community college campus catalog, a CCN system. A key element differentiating the CCN system from the C-ID Initiative is that this numbering system is required to be student-facing and is intended to ensure that comparable courses across all community colleges have the same course number. The CCN system implementation is occurring across three phases with the second phase slated for fall 2026 and full implementation planned for fall 2027. Prior to this CCN system requirement, differences in course numbering across institutions of higher education (IHEs) often resulted in students undertaking duplicative course work and suffering delayed degree completion or transfer eligibility.
- 3) **Prior legislation.** AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education), Chapter 440, Statutes of 2024, extended the CCN system implementation deadline and the deadline by which each CCC campus is required to incorporate CCNs from the adopted system into its course catalog by three years, from 2024 to 2027.

AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer), Chapter 405, Statutes of 2021, required all peace officers employed by agencies that participate in the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program, who are not employed in or enrolled in academy for that position as of 2024, to be at least age 21 and meet specified education requirements. The bill also detailed the establishment of a modern policing program associate’s degree.

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