

# Common Course Numbering (CCN) system

To simplify credit transfer between institutions, California Community Colleges have adopted a statewide numbering system through the Common Course Numbering system (AB 1111). This system will eventually provide a standardized set of subjects and course numbers across all California Community Colleges, ensuring that equivalent courses have the same identifier, regardless of the college offering them. By aligning course numbers, students can more easily identify transferable credits, reducing confusion and streamlining their educational pathways.

The Common Course Numbering system helps students plan their academic journeys with confidence, particularly when transferring to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems. This initiative supports seamless articulation agreements and reinforces consistency across the state's diverse community colleges.

## Bakersfield College Course Numbering System

The course numbering system has meaning with regard to level and transfer. See the description below:

B1–B49 Transfer Courses

B50–B99 Non-Transfer Courses

B100–B199 Upper Division Courses

C1000+ Common Course Numbering (CCN) Courses

In addition to the course numbers, letters are used to further identify course characteristics. NC=Non Credit, WE=Work Experience

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The Common Course Numbering (CCN) System is a state-mandated initiative (AB1111) aimed at simplifying student transfer and ensuring uniformity in course numbers across California Community Colleges.

Starting Summer 2025, Bakersfield College will be incorporating the new Common Course Numbering (CCN) system and will use the following structure:

- Subject: Four letter abbreviation (e.g., ENGL for English).
- Course Type Identifier: C= Common Course Number; local courses would not have a C; and
- Course Number: Standardized 4-digit course identification.
  - C1000-C1999 = 100 level course
  - C2000-C2999 = 200 level course

Courses identified as common will feature a "C" in their catalog numbers (e.g., ENGL 1A will become ENGL C1000). Some subject area prefixes will also change to align with statewide standards (e.g., POLI will become POLS). Revisions, including new course numbers and subject prefixes, will be clearly indicated in the college catalog and class schedules to help students easily identify and navigate these changes.

## Implementing Common Course Numbering

Bakersfield College will begin rolling out the new course numbering system in a series of phases. The first phase begins Summer 2025 where the following courses will be affected:

<b>Old Course</b>	<b>New Course</b>	<b>Effective</b>
COMM B1 - Oral Communication	COMM C1000 - Introduction to Public Speaking	Summer 2025
ENGL B1A - Reading and Composition	ENGL C1000 - Academic Reading and Writing	Summer 2025
ENGL B1AL - Reading and Composition	ENGL C1000E - Academic Reading and Writing	Summer 2025
ENGL B3 - Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition	ENGL C1001 - Critical Thinking and Writing	Summer 2025
MATH B22 - Elementary Statistics	STAT C1000 - Introduction to Statistics	Summer 2025
MATH B22L - Elementary Statistics	STAT C1000E - Introduction to Statistics	Summer 2025
POLS B1 - Introduction to American Government	POLS C1000 - American Government and Politics	Summer 2025
PSYC B1A - General Psychology	PSYC C1000 - Introduction to Psychology	Summer 2025

This is a multiphase process being directed by the CCCCO. This chart will be updated as courses are revised to incorporate the CCN system.

For more information on the CCCCO Common Course Numbering (CCN) system visit the [Common Course Numbering Project](#) webpage.