

ATTACHMENT 1

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TITLE 5 REGULATIONS:
of
STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR COURSES - § 55002
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1. Section 55002 of article 1 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 55002. Standards and Criteria for Courses.

(a) Degree-Applicable Credit Course. A degree-applicable credit course is a course which has been designated as appropriate to the associate degree in accordance with the requirements of section 55062, and which has been recommended by the college and/or district curriculum committee and approved by the district governing board as a collegiate course meeting the needs of the students.

(1) Curriculum Committee. The college and/or district curriculum committee recommending the course shall be established by the mutual agreement of the college and/or district administration and the academic senate. The committee shall be either a committee of the academic senate or a committee that includes faculty and is otherwise comprised in a way that is mutually agreeable to the college and/or district administration and the academic senate.

(2) Standards for Approval. The college and/or district curriculum committee shall recommend approval of the course for associate degree credit if it meets the following standards:

(A) Grading Policy. The course provides for measurement of student performance in terms of the stated course objectives and culminates in a formal, permanently recorded grade based upon uniform standards in accordance with section 55023. The grade is based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter and the ability to demonstrate that proficiency, at least in part, by means of essays, or, in courses where the curriculum committee deems them to be appropriate, by problem solving exercises or skills demonstrations by students.

(B) Units. The course grants units of credit ~~based upon a relationship specified by the governing board between the number of units assigned to the course and the number of lecture and/or laboratory hours or performance criteria specified in the course outline~~ in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 55002.5. The course outline of record shall record the total number of hours in each instructional category specified in governing board policy, the total number of expected outside-of-class hours, and the total student learning hours used to calculate the award of credit. ~~The course also requires a minimum of three hours of student work per week, including class time~~

~~for each unit of credit, prorated for short-term, extended-term, laboratory and/or activity courses.~~

(C) Intensity. The course treats subject matter with a scope and intensity that requires students to study independently outside-of-class time.

(D) Prerequisites and Corequisites. When the college and/or district curriculum committee determines, based on a review of the course outline of record, that a student would be highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade unless the student has knowledge or skills not taught in the course, then the course shall require prerequisites or corequisites that are established, reviewed, and applied in accordance with the requirements of this article.

(E) Basic Skills Requirements. If success in the course is dependent upon communication or computation skills, then the course shall require, consistent with the provisions of this article, as prerequisites or corequisites eligibility for enrollment in associate degree credit courses in English and/or mathematics, respectively.

(F) Difficulty. The course work calls for critical thinking and the understanding and application of concepts determined by the curriculum committee to be at college level.

(G) Level. The course requires learning skills and a vocabulary that the curriculum committee deems appropriate for a college course.

(3) Course Outline of Record. The course is described in a course outline of record that shall be maintained in the official college files and made available to each instructor. The course outline of record shall specify the unit value, the expected number of contact hours, outside-of-class hours, and total student learning hours for the course as a whole; the prerequisites, corequisites, or advisories on recommended preparation (if any) for the course; the catalog description, objectives, and content in terms of a specific body of knowledge. The course outline of record shall also specify types or provide examples of required reading and writing assignments, other outside-of-class assignments, instructional methodology, and methods of evaluation ~~for determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students.~~

(4) Conduct of Course. Each section of the course is to be taught by a qualified instructor in accordance with a set of objectives and with other specifications defined in the course outline of record.

(5) Repetition. Repeated enrollment is allowed only in accordance with the provisions of ~~section 51002, article 4 (commencing with section 55040)~~ of subchapter 1 of chapter 6, (commencing with section 54040), and section 58161.

(b) Nondegree-Applicable Credit Course. A credit course designated by the governing board as not applicable to the associate degree is a course which, at a minimum, is recommended by the college and/or district curriculum committee (the committee described and established under subdivision (a)(1) of this section) and is approved by the district governing board.

(1) Types of Courses. Nondegree-applicable credit courses are:

(A) nondegree-applicable basic skills courses as defined in subdivision (ju) of section 55000;

(B) courses designed to enable students to succeed in degree-applicable credit courses (including, but not limited to, college orientation and guidance courses, and discipline-

specific preparatory courses such as biology, history, or electronics) that integrate basic skills instruction throughout and assign grades partly upon the demonstrated mastery of those skills;

(C) precollegiate career technical preparation courses designed to provide foundation skills for students preparing for entry into degree-applicable credit career technical courses or programs;

(D) essential career technical instruction for which meeting the standards of subdivision (a) is neither necessary nor required.

(2) Standards for Approval. The college and/or district curriculum committee shall recommend approval of the course on the basis of the standards which follow.

(A) Grading Policy. The course provides for measurement of student performance in terms of the stated course objectives and culminates in a formal, permanently recorded grade based upon uniform standards in accordance with section 55023. The grade is based on demonstrated proficiency in the subject matter and the ability to demonstrate that proficiency, at least in part, by means of written expression that may include essays, or, in courses where the curriculum committee deems them to be appropriate, by problem solving exercises or skills demonstrations by students.

~~(B) Units. The course grants units of credit based upon a relationship specified by the governing board between the number of units assigned to the course and the number of lecture and/or laboratory hours or performance criteria specified in the course outline in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 55002.5. The course outline of record shall record the total number of hours in each instructional category specified in governing board policy, the total number of expected outside-of-class hours, and the total student learning hours used to calculate the award of credit. The course requires a minimum of three hours of student work per week, per unit, including class time and/or demonstrated competency, for each unit of credit, prorated for short term, extended term, laboratory, and/or activity courses.~~

(C) Intensity. The course provides instruction in critical thinking and generally treats subject matter with a scope and intensity that prepares students to study independently outside-of-class time and includes reading and writing assignments and homework. In particular, the assignments will be sufficiently rigorous that students successfully completing each such course, or sequence of required courses, will have acquired the skills necessary to successfully complete degree-applicable work.

(D) Prerequisites and corequisites. When the college and/or district curriculum committee deems appropriate, the course may require prerequisites or corequisites for the course that are established, reviewed, and applied in accordance with this article.

(3) Course Outline of Record. The course is described in a course outline of record that shall be maintained in the official college files and made available to each instructor. The course outline of record shall specify the unit value, the expected number of contact hours, outside-of-class hours, and total student learning hours for the course as a whole; the prerequisites, corequisites, or advisories on recommended preparation (if any) for the course; the catalog description, objectives, and content in terms of a specific body of knowledge. The course outline of record shall also specify types or provide examples of required reading and writing assignments, other outside-of-class

assignments, instructional methodology, and methods of evaluation ~~for determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students. Taken together, these course specifications shall be such as to typically enable any student who successfully completes all of the assigned work prescribed in the outline of record to successfully meet the course objectives.~~

(4) Conduct of Course. All sections of the course are to be taught by a qualified instructor in accordance with a set of objectives and with other specifications defined in the course outline of record.

(5) Repetition. Repeated enrollment is allowed only in accordance with the provisions of ~~section 51002, article 4 (commencing with section 55040)~~ of subchapter 1 of chapter 6, (commencing with section 54040), and section 58161.

(c) Noncredit Course. A noncredit course is a course which, at a minimum, is recommended by the college and/or district curriculum committee (the committee described and established under subdivision (a)(1) of this section) and approved by the district governing board as a course meeting the needs of enrolled students.

(1) Standards for Approval. The college and/or district curriculum committee shall recommend approval of the course if the course treats subject matter and uses resource materials, teaching methods, and standards of attendance and achievement that the committee deems appropriate for the enrolled students. In order to be eligible for state apportionment, such courses must be approved by the Chancellor pursuant to article 2 (commencing with section 55150) of subchapter 2 of this chapter and satisfy the requirements of section 58160 and other applicable provisions of chapter 9 (commencing with section 58000) of this division.

(2) Course Outline of Record. The course is described in a course outline of record that shall be maintained in the official college files and made available to each instructor. The course outline of record shall specify the number of contact hours normally required for a student to complete the course, the catalog description, the objectives, contents in terms of a specific body of knowledge, instructional methodology, examples of assignments and/or activities, and methods of evaluation ~~for determining whether the stated objectives have been met.~~

(3) Conduct of Course. All sections of the course are to be taught by a qualified instructor in accordance with the set of objectives and other specifications defined in the course outline of record.

(4) Repetition. Repeated enrollment is allowed only in accordance with provisions of article 4 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 (commencing with section 54040), and section 58161.

(d) Community Services Offering. A community services offering must meet the following minimum requirements:

- (1) is approved by the district governing board;
- (2) is designed for the physical, mental, moral, economic, or civic development of persons enrolled therein;
- (3) provides subject matter content, resource materials, and teaching methods which the district governing board deems appropriate for the enrolled students;
- (4) is conducted in accordance with a predetermined strategy or plan;

(5) is open to all members of the community willing to pay fees to cover the cost of the offering; and

(6) may not be claimed for apportionment purposes.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Section 70901, Education Code.

2. Section 55002.5 of article 1 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 55002.5. Credit Hour Definition.

(a) One credit hour of community college work (one unit of credit) shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of lecture, study, or laboratory total student work at colleges operating on the semester system or 33 quarter hours of lecture, study or laboratory total student work, at colleges operating on the quarter system which may include inside and/or outside-of-class hours.

~~(b) A course requiring 96 hours or more of lecture, study or laboratory work at colleges operating on the semester system or 66 hours or more of lecture, study, or laboratory work at colleges operating on the quarter system shall provide at least 2 units of credit.~~

(b) A course requiring 96 hours or more of total student work at colleges operating on the semester system or 66 hours or more of total student work at colleges operating on the quarter system shall provide at least 2 units of credit.

(c) Cooperative work experience courses defined in section 55252 shall adhere to the formula for credit hour calculations identified in section 55256.5.

~~(d) The amount of credit awarded shall be adjusted in proportion to the number of hours of lecture, study or laboratory work in half unit increments. For programs designated by the governing board as clock hour programs, units of credit shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the provisions of 34 Code of Federal Regulations part 600.2.~~

~~(e) A district may elect to adjust the amount of credit awarded in proportion to the number of hours of lecture, study or laboratory work in increments of less than one half unit. Credit hours for all courses may be awarded in increments of one unit or less.~~

(e) The governing board of each community college district shall establish policy, consistent with the provisions of this section, defining the standards for credit hour calculations. District policy shall specify the credit hour calculation method for all academic activities, expected ratios of in-class to outside-of-class hours for each type of academic activity, standards for incremental award of credit, standard term length, calculation methods for short term and extended term courses, and provisions for monitoring compliance with state and federal regulations related to credit hour calculations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Section 70901, Education Code.; 34 Code of Federal Regulations part 600.2.

3. Section 55100 of article 1 of subchapter 2 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 55100. Credit Course Approval.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall establish policies for, and may approve ~~individual degree applicable~~ credit courses pursuant to section 55002, section 55002.5, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with section 55000.5(a)~~which are offered as part of an educational program approved by the Chancellor pursuant to section 55130. Such courses need not be separately approved by the Chancellor.~~

(b) ~~A community college district may approve and offer nondegree applicable credit courses and degree applicable credit courses which are not part of an approved educational program without separate approval by the Chancellor. The Chancellor will conduct a periodic review to ensure that districts are in compliance with the following requirements: The chief executive officer, chief instructional officer, college academic senate president, and college curriculum committee chair of each college and/or district shall annually certify to the Chancellor, before the conclusion of each academic year, compliance with the following requirements related to the approval of credit courses:~~

(1) ~~the college curriculum committee and district governing board have approved each such credit course pursuant to section 55002, section 55002.5, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with section 55000.5(a);~~

~~(2) no course which has previously been denied separate approval by the Chancellor or is part of a program that has been disapproved by the Chancellor may be offered pursuant to this subdivision unless the proposed course has been modified to adequately address the reasons for denial and has been subsequently reapproved by the college curriculum committee and district governing board;~~

~~(3) the college and/or district promptly reports~~ed all credit courses approved by the district governing board pursuant to this section subdivision to the Chancellor through the Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory and Management Information Systems;

~~(3) college and/or district personnel involved in the credit course approval process, including members of the curriculum committee, were provided with training regarding the rules, regulations, and local policies applicable to the approval of credit courses, including, but not limited to, the provisions of section 55002, section 55002.5, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with section 55000.5(a);~~

~~(4) the district governing board has established local policy or procedures specifying the relationship between contact hours, outside-of-class hours, and the calculation of credit hours consistent with section 55002.5.~~

(c) ~~Districts shall separately submit to the Chancellor all courses which are not part of any approved educational program for certification of compliance with all requirements pursuant to sections 55000 et seq., and the Program and Course Approval Handbook~~

~~pursuant to section 55000.5.~~ The Chancellor may conduct reviews to ensure that colleges and/or districts are in compliance with the certification requirements identified in this section.

(d) The Chancellor may, at any time, limit or terminate the ability of a district to approve or offer credit courses pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) if ~~he or she it is~~ determines that a college and/or district has failed to comply with all any of the conditions set forth in ~~those subdivisions~~ this section until such time a college and/or district demonstrates compliance with ~~all requirements for~~ the certification requirements identified in this section.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

4. Section 55130 of article 1 of subchapter 2 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 55130. Approval of Credit Programs.

(a) ~~Before offering any credit course as part of an educational program at a college, the governing board of a district shall obtain approval of the educational program from the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of this article. Approval shall be requested on forms provided by the Chancellor. The governing board of each community college district shall establish policies for, and may approve, an educational program pursuant to articles 6 and 7 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 of division 6, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook, prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with subdivision 55000.5(a).~~

(b) ~~The application~~ educational program submitted to the local governing board for approval shall contain at least the following components:

- (1) ~~the~~ the name of the proposed program.
- (2) ~~the~~ the description of the proposed program.
- (3) ~~a list of required~~ all courses to be included in the program.
- (4) course outlines of records for all courses in the program.
- (5) ~~the~~ the purposes and specific objectives of the proposed program.
- ~~(6) The place of the proposed program in the district master plan.~~
- ~~(67) An~~ an explanation of how the program is appropriate to the objectives and conditions of higher education and community college education in California and how it conforms to statewide master planning.
- ~~(87) The need for the proposed~~ For career technical education programs, ascertained with regard to at least the following additional information must be provided to the district governing board
 - (A) ~~a list of o~~ Other community colleges in the area currently offering the program;
 - ~~(B) Other programs closely related to the proposed program offered by the college;~~
 - ~~(BC) R~~ Relation of the proposed program to regional labor job market analysis, demand where applicable; and
 - ~~(D) Enrollment projection for the proposed program;~~

~~(E) Recommendations of career technical education regional consortia, when applicable; and~~

~~(F) The classification of the courses in the program in accordance with section 55001.~~

(89) The need for and present adequacy of the following resources shall be determined in relation to the proposed program:

(A) ~~L~~library and media center resources;

(B) ~~F~~facilities and equipment required to initiate and sustain the program. If a new facility is to be used, reference should be made to the five-year master plan.

(C) ~~A~~availability of adequate or proposed financial support; and

(D) ~~A~~availability of faculty.

~~(c) The development, establishment and evaluation of an education program shall include representative faculty involvement. The chief executive officer, chief instructional officer, college academic senate president, and college curriculum committee chair of each college and/or district shall annually certify to the Chancellor, before the conclusion of each academic year, compliance with the following requirements related to the approval of credit programs:~~

(1) the curriculum committee and district governing board have approved each credit program pursuant to articles 6 and 7 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 of division 6, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook, prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with subdivision 55000.5(a);

(2) the college and/or district promptly reported all credit programs approved by the district governing board pursuant to this section to the Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory and Management Information Systems;

(3) college and/or district personnel involved in the credit program approval process, including members of the curriculum committee, were provided with training regarding the rules, regulations, and local policies applicable to the approval of credit programs, including, but not limited to, the provisions of articles 6 and 7 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6 of division 6, and the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook, prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with subdivision 55000.5(a);

(4) the development, establishment, and evaluation of approved educational programs included representative faculty involvement.

~~(d) An approval is effective until the program or implementation of the program is discontinued or modified in any substantial way. The Chancellor may evaluate an educational program, after its approval, on the basis of factors listed in this section. If on the basis of such an evaluation the Chancellor determines that an educational program should no longer be offered, the Chancellor may terminate the approval and determine the effective date of termination. The Chancellor may conduct reviews to ensure that colleges and/or districts are in compliance with the certification requirements identified in this section.~~

~~(e) In multicollge districts, program approval is granted for a specific college. The Chancellor may, at any time, limit or terminate the ability of a district to approve or offer educational programs if he or she it is determined that a college and/or district has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth in this section until such time a college and/or~~

district demonstrates compliance with the certification requirements identified in this section.

(f) In multi-college districts, the local governing board shall grant a program approval for a specific college.

(g) Before offering an Associate Degree for Transfer as identified in the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Education Code section 66745 et seq.), the governing board of a community college district shall obtain approval of the Associate Degree for Transfer from the Chancellor in accordance with the Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook, prepared, distributed, and maintained by the Chancellor consistent with subdivision 55000.5(a).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66745, 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

5. Section 58050 of article 5 of subchapter 1 of chapter 9 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 58050. Conditions for Claiming Attendance.

(a) All of the following conditions must be met in order for the attendance of students enrolled in a course to qualify for state apportionment:

(1) The course, or the program of which it is a part, must be approved by the ~~Board of Governors~~ governing board of each community college district in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 2 (commencing with section 55100) of chapter 6.

(2) The course must meet the criteria and standards for courses prescribed by section 55002.

(3) Unless expressly exempted by statute, the course must be open to enrollment by the general public, in accordance with section 58051.5 and article 1 (commencing with section 58100) of subchapter 2 of this chapter.

(4) The district may not receive full compensation for the direct education costs for the course from any public or private agency, individual or group of individuals in accordance with section 58051.5.

(5) The students enrolled in the course must be engaged in educational activities required of such students as described in the course outline of record. The number of contact hours for which apportionment is claimed shall not exceed the number specified in the course outline of record, subject to computation adjustments authorized pursuant to other provisions of this subchapter including, but not limited to, sections 58003.1, 58023 and 58164. If the course involves student use of district computers, other equipment, or facilities, the district shall monitor usage of such equipment or facilities as part of the course to ensure that they are used solely for the specified educational activities.

(6) The students must be under the immediate supervision of an employee of the district, unless provided otherwise by law.

(7) The employee of the district must hold valid and unrevoked credentials or be employed pursuant to minimum qualifications adopted by the Board of Governors or

equivalencies pursuant to section 53430 authorizing the employee to render service in the capacity and during the period in which the employee served.

(b) The regulations in this article are intended to clarify and interpret attendance accounting terminology used in subdivision ~~subsection~~ (a), and in sections 58051 and 58055.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700, 70901 and 84500, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901, 78401 and 84500, Education Code.