



## Council for Curriculum & Instruction Minutes

April 21, 2026

3:08 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.

Math and Science Room 116

Meeting documents are available on [CCI SharePoint](#) (CCCD login required) and [CCI website](#)

Mission - The Golden West College (GWC) Council for Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) provides guidance and oversight to ensure all GWC curriculum is academically sound, comprehensive, and responsive to the evolving needs of our students, and is compliant with Title 5, California Education Code, and the policies of the Coast Community College District. CCI is a standing committee of the GWC Academic Senate.

The purview and purpose of CCI is established as:

- Curriculum, including established prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
- Degree and certificate requirements
- Education program development

Consideration for curriculum review. Is the proposed course and / or program:

- Appropriate to our mission?
- Meeting a demonstrable need?
- Compliant with current practices of CCI and the college?
- A “fit” with other classes or programs in the department? At GWC?
- Feasible within available resources?
- Taught with the appropriate rigor?
- Compliant with existing laws and regulations?

### Curriculum Representatives (strikethrough = absent; italicize = virtual)

Area / Position Title	Representatives
Art	Vacant
Articulation Officer (non voting)	Nicole Diamond
Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, Drafting	Michael Russell
Biological Sciences	Michael Valinluck
Business, CBA, Computer Sciences	Rachel Zacharia
CCI Chair	Jennifer Bailly
Communication Studies	<del>Tiffany Ruggeri Dilello</del>
Cosmetology	<del>Jon Holland</del>
Counseling & EOPS	Kristy Ho
Criminal Justice	Michael McCarthy
Curriculum Specialist (non voting)	Charissa McCord
English	Mujib Tahir

English Language Learning, English as a Second Language, GED	<del>Tiffany Lao</del>
History & Education	Jeanette Adame
Kinesiology, Health Education, Athletics	Vacant
Liberal Arts & Culture (ANTH, GEOG, GLST, PHIL)	Michelle Palma
Library	<del>Cathy Le</del>
Mathematics & Engineering	Gary Kirby
Nursing & Health Professions	<del>Berlynn Ching</del>
Part-time Faculty at Large	<del>Catherine Ponsford</del>
Performing Arts	<del>Dawn Brooks</del>
Physical Sciences	Matthew Carlson
Psychology	Jodie Butler
Social Sciences (ECON, PSCI, SOC, ETHS)	Ruth Cálcanas
Student Services Representative (non voting)	Christy Banales
Vice President of Instruction (non voting)	Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz
World Language (SIGN, INTR, SPAN, VIET)	Veronica Pizano
Associated Students Representative (non voting)	Vacant

**Guests:** Dorsie Brooks, Terrie Becker, Amanda Best, Maxim Brinkman-Marheine, Avery Caldwell, Christopher Cano, Gregory Christmas, Samantha Harris, Sheila Hudson, Justin Moore, Martie Ramm-Engle, Amy Thach, Gisele Verduzco, RC Wilkenson

### **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Call to order
2. Welcome guests
3. Approval of the agenda and minutes
  - a. April 21, 2026 Agenda **Approved**
  - b. April 7, 2026 Minutes **Add GEOL G130 to 1<sup>st</sup> readings**
4. Public comment (maximum of three minutes per speaker)
5. Information and Announcements
  - a. Approve curriculum items in CIM for assigned role(s) only 🚗 🚚 🚛

Curriculum missing technical review when people other than Nicole are approving curriculum at the technical review level. The committee was reminded to check workflow notification emails, confirm their role, and approve if applicable. The committee raised concerns about courses not moving down the workflow after being approved. It was recommended to confirm approvals and keep in mind that CIM is still being fixed.

### **REPORTS & UPDATES (maximum of five minutes per report)**

Articulation report (Nicole Diamond)

Legislation aims to improve articulation through CCN, but it currently applies only to UCTCA GE attributes and does not guarantee CSU approval. The process is ongoing. The C-ID revision for Environmental Studies 2.0 was pulled due to insufficient changes. A new Data Science ADT is in development (proposed 66 units), though statistics will not be included as it is considered insufficient preparation. A September 1 release is anticipated. Revisions to MATH G100 are being discussed to align with CCN. The course was denied C-ID, and efforts are underway to align CID and CCN templates, with the goal of supporting future auto-approval. Phase 3 CCN remains on hold.

## PROGRAM PROPOSALS (maximum of 10 minutes total)

Basic Fire Academy, Certificate of Completion  
CPR/First Aid for public Safety, Certificate of Completion

Program forms were not presented at CCI and will return when the forms are completed with course information.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Local associate degrees for disciplines with associate degrees for transfer  
Previously retired local AA degrees are not the same as the ADTs within the same discipline, but may be created to meet identified university programs and transfer. There is interest in reviving previously retired local AAs to better support students. Jennifer inquired about creating local AA degrees based on existing ADTs without submitting new program proposals to CCI.
2. Ethnic Studies crosslisting updates  
Updates on Ethnic Studies cross-listing were discussed. The ETHS prefix is being retired due to concerns about misleading disciplinary alignment. CCI is working to clarify cross-listings; the original intent was to offer Ethnic Studies across multiple disciplines to meet Title 5 requirements. Considerations include equivalencies, minimum qualifications, and appropriate alignment between disciplines and subjects. Specific course prefixes are used for Ethnic Study courses; i.e., AFS African American Studies, CHS Chicano/a Studies, ASAM Asian American Studies, and AINA American Indian Native American Studies.

## CONSENT **Approved**

PHIL G121 – Leadership and Ethical Reasoning in Law Enforcement (3 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Leadership and Ethics in Law Enforcement**, catalog description, SLOs, course objectives, content, course assignments, and resources. Updated DE.

DART G105 – Digital 2D Design & Color Theory (3 units) Fall 2026  
Retire.

## CURRICULUM – SECOND READINGS

ANTH G185 – Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Physical Anthropology, CCN ANTH C1001**, catalog description, SLOs, course objectives, content, advisory, methods of evaluation, course assignments, and resources. (04-07-26)

ANTH G185L – Biological Anthropology Lab (1 unit) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Physical Anthropology Lab, CCN ANTH C1001L**, catalog description, course objectives, content, methods of evaluation, course assignments, and resources. (04-07-26)  
**Michelle motioned to approve. Jodie seconded. Motion approved. ANTH G185 and ANTH G185L revised courses approved as a block.**

THEA G002N – Acting and Improvisation for Lifelong Learners (72 hours) Fall 2027  
New course. (04-07-26)  
**Jeanette motioned to approve. Matthew seconded. Motion approved. New noncredit course approved.**

DART G135 – Adobe Illustrator for Digital Illustration (3 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Digital Illustration: Adobe Illustrator**, catalog description, SLOs, course objectives,

content, course assignments, and resources. Updated DE. (04-07-26)

DART G152 – Adobe Photoshop II for Digital Image Editing (3 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Digital Imaging II: Intermediate Photoshop**, catalog description, SLOs, content, course assignments, and resources. Updated DE. (04-07-26)  
Matthew motioned to approve. Jodie seconded. Motion approved. DART G135 and DART G152 revised courses approved as a block.

GEOG G130 – Environmental Geology (3 units) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE. (04-07-26)  
Jeanette motioned to approve. Jodie seconded. Motion approved. New course and DE approved.

### **CURRICULUM – FIRST READINGS**

BIOL G100 – Introduction to Biology with Lab (4 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly Introduction to Biology, CCN BIOL C1000**, catalog description, SLOs, course objectives, content, methods of evaluation, course assignments, resources, and material fees. Updated DE.  
Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

SOCI G100 – Introduction to Sociology (3 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: **formerly SOC G100, CCN SOCI C1000**, catalog description, SLOs, course objectives, content, course assignments, and resources. Updated DE.  
Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

SOC G170 – Sociology of Sport (3 units) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.  
Change prefix (to SOCI) and course number. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

ASAM G110 – Asian American Culture: Including Asian American Literature (3 units) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.  
Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

ASAM G130 – Asian American Contemporary Issues (3 units) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.  
Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

ASAM G140 – Asian American Eats (3 units) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.  
Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

AUTO (RET) G010N – Safety and Introduction to DC Electrical Systems in Renewable Energy (108 hours) Fall ~~2027~~ 2026  
New course.  
New prefix request. Advised to look into nearby colleges course prefixes. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

AUTO (RET) G020N – Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Maintenance Technician (108 hours) Fall ~~2027~~ 2026  
New course.  
New prefix request, edit title, list prerequisites. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

AUTO (RET) G030N – Battery Energy Storage System & Basic Networking (90 hours) New course. <a href="#">New prefix request. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall <del>2027</del> 2026
ART G050N – Printmaking Workshop for the Marketplace (18 hours) New course. <a href="#">Remove hyphen, enter 0 units. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
ART G060N – Jewelry and Metalsmithing Workshop for the Marketplace (18 hours) New course. <a href="#">Remove hyphen, enter 0 units, SAM code suggestion 'C' or 'D.' Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
ART G065N – Mixed Media Workshop for the Marketplace (18 hours) New course. <a href="#">Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
CJ G002N – Force Options, Use of Force De-escalation – Perishable Skills Program (PSP) (8 hours) Revisions: formerly Tactical Training, CJ G002, catalog description, hours, SLOs, course objectives, requisites, course assignments, and resources. <a href="#">Create new course instead of course revision. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
CJ G004N – Tactical Firearms Course – Perishable Skills Program (PSP) (8 hours) Revisions: formerly Firearms Training, CJ G004, catalog description, hours, SLOs, course objectives, requisites, course assignments, and resources. <a href="#">Create new course instead of course revision. Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
CJ G005N – Arrest and Control – Perishable Skills Program (PSP) (8 hours) New course. <a href="#">Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
CJ (PARA) G020N – Paramedic Studies (1104 hours) New course. <a href="#">Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</a>	Fall 2027
<a href="#">Meeting ended 5:05 p.m. All items not reviewed under first reading to be reviewed in the next CCI meeting.</a>	
CBA (AI) G020N – Intro to AI and Ethics: Smart, Creative, and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (18 hours) New course. New DE.	Fall 2027
CBA (AI) G021N – AI Applications (18 hours) New course. New DE.	Fall 2027
Artificial Intelligence: Ethics and Applications, Certificate of Completion New program.	Fall 2027
BUS G015N – Principles of Finance – Understanding Your Money Flow (9 hours)	Fall 2027

New course. New DE.

BUS G016N – Financial Decisions and Strategies (9 hours) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.

BUS G017N – Building Your Personal Financial System (9 hours) Fall 2027  
New course. New DE.

Chemistry, Associate in Science Degree for Transfer (36 units) Fall 2027  
Revisions: program objectives and PLOs.

American Sign Language, Associate in Art Degree (20 units) Fall 2027  
New program.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the GWC Curriculum committee record the votes of all committee members as follows: (1) Members recorded as absent are presumed not to have voted; (2) the names of members voting in the minority or abstaining are recorded; (3) all other members are presumed to have voted in the majority.