

Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID)

The Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) is a statewide numbering system independent from the course numbers assigned by local California community colleges. A C-ID number next to a course signals that participating California colleges and universities have determined that courses offered by other California community colleges are comparable in content and scope to courses offered on their own campuses, regardless of their unique titles or local course number. Thus, if a schedule of classes or catalog lists a course bearing a C-ID number, for example COMM 110, students at that college can be assured that it will be accepted in lieu of a course bearing the C-ID COMM 110 designation at another community college. In other words, the C-ID designation can be used to identify comparable courses at different community colleges. However, students should always go to www.assist.org to confirm how each college's course will be accepted at a particular four-year college or university for transfer credit.

The C-ID numbering system is useful for students attending more than one community college and is applied to many of the transferable courses students need as preparation for transfer. Because these course requirements may change and because courses may be modified and qualified for or deleted from the C-ID database, students should always check with a counselor to determine how C-ID designated courses fit into their educational plans for transfer.

Students may consult the ASSIST database at www.assist.org for specific information on C-ID course designations. Counselors can help students interpret or explain this information.

Guidelines on Units of Credits

The college unit is an arbitrary measure, but arbitrary measures should also have consistent meaning. This guideline establishes a unit/hour ratio that describes the method of instruction and the type of learning activity in the various course offerings at Los Medanos College.

Type of teaching method	Learning activity	Expected hours of outside preparation per class	Ratio of units to in-class hours
Lecture or	Primarily dissemination of information by instructor.	2 hours	1 unit: 1 hour per week 18 hours per semester
English Composition or	Primarily dissemination of information by the instructor to a large or moderate-sized group of students.	2 hours	1 unit: 1 hour per week 18 hours per semester
Laboratory or	Hands-on experience by the students with some instruction and with close supervision by an instructor.	1 hour	1 unit: 3 hours per week 54 hours per semester
Independent study or	Contracted independent study with close supervision by an instructor.		1 unit: 3 hours per week 54 hours per semester
PE/Activity or	Highly structured physical activities directed and supervised by an instructor.	0	1 unit: 3 hours per week 54 hours per semester
Occupational work experience field work	Contract and/or paid work with instructor evaluation.	0	1 unit 75 paid hours per semester or 60 nonpaid hours per semester

Classes of less than one semester in length will be assigned units proportional to semester hours.