

California Articulation Number System (CAN)

The California Articulation Number (CAN) System was designed as a cross-reference course numbering system to identify courses of comparable content and standards of academic rigor that insured their transfer between and among participating institutions. CAN was designed to help students and faculty identify courses that are accepted for credit toward fulfilling major preparations requirements at the California State Universities (CSU's). Some ASSIST (www.assist.org) reports include CAN numbers for some courses.

CAN became an official intersegmental program on July 1, 1985 and remained a joint effort of the California Community Colleges and the California State University (CSU) until 2005, when the CSU Chancellor's Office elected to discontinue involvement with the program.

Until a new system is developed and implemented to replace the CAN numbers, CSU's will grant credit for CAN qualified courses until 2009.

For more information about CAN identifiers and how they can help you find courses that are appropriate for your academic goals, see a Grossmont College Counselor or a CSU Admissions Advisor.