Q: What is C-ID?
A: The Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) is a numbering system used within California in response to SB1415, Common Course Numbering System. C-ID is an intersegmental, faculty-driven effort for identifying comparable courses which assigns an independent course number to community college courses.

Q: Why are we doing C-ID?
A: California community colleges and public universities are being pressured by the State Legislature, by public opinion, by the workplace, and by a research agenda that argues for increasing student attainment. A part of this agenda includes a need for strengthening and streamlining student transfer. A system like C-ID is an ideal solution to simplify and clarify course comparability for educators, students, and parents. So, the most obvious motivation is that it benefits students. There have been multiple legislative mandates calling for "common course numbering" and C-ID is the answer.

Q: Why is there now a big push for participation in C-ID?
A: As part of the statewide response to SB 1440, identifying a common curriculum (which assumes common courses) is mandatory. Courses approved for AA-T/AS-T degrees are required to align with designated C-ID descriptors, and the lack of approved or submitted C-ID courses will prevent the CCCCO from approving AA-T/AS-T degrees. It will also mean the withdrawal of approval from already-approved AA-T/AS-T degrees that do not have their appropriate courses approved or submitted for C-ID.

Q: What are the benefits of C-ID?
A: For the CCCs, C-ID can:
• provide the infrastructure for the development of associate degrees for transfer, mandated in SB 1440;
• provide a one-to-many articulation mechanism that may offer CCCs articulation options not previously possible;
• offer students and faculty the published C-ID descriptors, matrices of participating institutions, and comparable courses to assist them in planning their academic paths;
• continue with a common and easily decipherable numbering system while expanding the original intent of CAN, now more inclusive of postsecondary institutions and particular in its application to courses and programs offered at community colleges.
Q: What is a course descriptor?
A: Each C-ID course has a specific course “descriptor.” The C-ID descriptor provides information for students, staff, and faculty who must identify which community college courses best meet the expectations transfer institutions have for courses that contribute to transfer into a major at specific universities or fulfill general education requirements.

Q: Who determines the C-ID descriptors?
A: The C-ID descriptor was developed by intersegmental discipline faculty and reviewed statewide. The work being done to develop course descriptors for C-ID numbers is primarily done by CCC and CSU faculty, and the appointment of faculty to the discipline groups (called Faculty Discipline Review Groups or FDRGs) is done by the Academic Senates of the CCC and the CSU.

Q: Where can I find C-ID descriptors?
A: http://www.c-id.net/descriptors.html

Q: Who submits CCC courses to C-ID?
A: The CCC articulation officer, with input from the discipline faculty.

Q: Besides aligning with the C-ID descriptor, are there any other requirements?
A: The course outline and textbook(s) cannot be older than five years.

Q: Who reviews the CCC course outline and determines if it aligns with the C-ID descriptor?
A: Intersegmental discipline faculty in the FDRG's.

Q: How are we notified if our course is approved for C-ID?
A: An email is sent to the articulation officer, who then forwards the information to the dean.

Q: How can we view Ohlone’s C-ID approvals?
A: Go to the C-ID Web site (www.c-id.net) and click on the Courses tab. Go down to Colleges (about halfway down the page), find Ohlone, and then all of Ohlone’s courses that have been approved for C-ID will appear. You can sort by Discipline. Approved C-ID course numbers also appear in the Ohlone catalog and class schedules.

Q: What designation can a course receive?
A: Approved, Conditional, or Denied.
Q: What does Conditional approval mean?
A: The course outline aligned with some, but not all, areas of the C-ID descriptor. The faculty have one year from the time of notification to revise the course outline and make the requested revisions. If a revised course is not submitted to C-ID within one year then the Conditional approval changes to Denied.

Q: What does Denied approval mean?
A: The course outline has significant and fundamental variations from the C-ID descriptor that prevent it from receiving the requested C-ID designation.