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RE: Modern Policing Degree Model Curriculum Now Available!

The Chancellor's Office in partnership with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is pleased to announce the availability of model curriculum for the Modern Policing Degree.

Pursuant to [California Penal Code section 13511.1](#), the Chancellor's Office [California Assembly Bill 89 Modern Policing Degree Task Force Report and Recommendations](#) to the Legislature provided recommendations outlining a plan to implement a Modern Policing Degree. The intention for the Modern Policing Degree and the future of law enforcement is to be inclusive of the diverse perspectives of stakeholders, build upon the 2020 Call to Action against systemic racism, and advance the California Community Colleges system goals for equity as laid forth in Vision 2030.

To develop the model curriculum based on Task Force recommendations, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges convened a Modern Policing Degree Model Curriculum Workgroup in February 2024; the group met through May 2024. The Workgroup was composed of six Administration of Justice/POST faculty, two associate deans and directors of POST-certified academies, a public safety regional director, and an ASCCC representative. The model curriculum for the Modern Policing Degree Program was vetted via survey in June 2024 to Administration of Justice faculty via ASCCC listservs and regional public safety contacts.

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The Chancellor's Office encourages colleges with existing POST-certified academies to adopt the new Modern Policing Degree model curriculum. The Modern Policing degree will be optional for colleges without an existing POST-certified academy to offer and is not intended to replace existing Transfer Model Curriculums (TMCs)/Associate Degree for Transfers (ADTs) in Administration of Justice or local associate's degrees in Administration of Justice, Criminal Justice, or Policing. The Modern Policing Degree is intended to be an additional option that includes elements of both types of degrees. The new TOP Code for the Modern Policing degree program is below and the ASCCC has made the [model curriculum](#) available on its website.

TOP CODE:

2105.60 - Modern Policing: Principles, techniques, and core competencies of state officials/ law enforcement officers, as defined in [CA Government Code 1031.4](#).

Students attend California's community colleges because they present opportunities for socio-economic advancement and career mobility. This is especially true for students from historically underserved and disadvantaged communities with barriers to higher education access. The California Community Colleges is committed to helping our students equitably succeed. For our system, that meant creating a Modern Policing Degree program that is committed to equity, affordability, access, student-centered design, holistic supports, and modernized curriculum for the profession of policing with the option for students to earn a community college baccalaureate. The new Modern Policing Degree curriculum is a robust program that delivers on those commitments.

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