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BOARD TO ESTABLISH POLICY FOR COMMON COURSE NUMBERING AT ALL IDAHO PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

A list of 43 common numbered courses will be offered at Idaho's public colleges and universities starting in the fall 2019 semester.

The list covers a half-dozen higher education discipline areas including English, Math, Science and the Humanities. Most are 100 level courses designed to satisfy general education requirements (GEM courses) that all students must take in order to earn a degree and graduate.

The new course index with common prefixes, numbers and titles will be used at all eight of Idaho's public colleges and universities. The courses will also meet the same GEM requirements at each school. The purpose is to make it easier for students to transfer credits between institutions and to create better understanding of how courses count toward degree progress.

"We want to provide greater transparency and confidence in how credits are earned and transferred for college students, high school students earning dual credits, and the advisors and counselors who work with them," State Board Chief Academic Officer Randall Brumfield said.

Provosts and faculty members from throughout Idaho worked with Brumfield to develop the list. A formal policy on common course numbering will be introduced to the Board at its meeting next month at Idaho State University in Pocatello, with

formal approval anticipated in October when the Board convenes at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. Implementation will begin in fall 2019 in order to give institutions time to update course catalogs and registration systems.

The common course GEM list can be viewed:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/resources/common-course-listing/>

The list is part of the Board's overall plan to implement a "system-ness" approach across Idaho's higher education system designed to improve access and affordability for students.

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