

**Kern Community College District  
Baccalaureate Degree Program Task Force Report  
April 26, 2022**

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For the 2022 Application Cycle #2, one proposal was submitted to the Baccalaureate Degree Program (BDP) Task Force: Bakersfield College, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Police Science. Please see attached proposal.

This degree proposal is in response to recently enacted legislation, AB 89, which establishes minimum qualifications for specified Peace Officers and guidance for a modern policing degree program. AB-89 states better educated officers receive higher supervisor evaluations, have fewer disciplinary problems and accidents, are assaulted less often, and miss fewer days of work than their counterparts. It also establishes minimum education requirements for Peace Officer employment to include a modern policing degree program and bachelor's degree.

The BDP Task Force evaluated the application for compliance with AB 927. All the criteria listed below was satisfied by the application:

- ✓ Demonstrated proposed degree is not duplicated at CSU/UC
- ✓ Discussed associate degree pathway to the proposed baccalaureate degree
- ✓ Documented a funding plan for the proposed degree
- ✓ Described the baccalaureate degree curriculum and met the requirements in the Baccalaureate Degree Handbook
- ✓ Described existing program faculty and future faculty needs to support the baccalaureate degree program
- ✓ Described existing facilities and equipment, and additional required infrastructure to support the baccalaureate degree program
- ✓ Documented enrollment projections
- ✓ Demonstrated consultation with regional employers and workforce development boards
- ✓ Provided statewide and regional workforce data relevant to the proposed degree
- ✓ Documented evidence that degree will meet unmet workforce need
- ✓ Documented collaborative approaches to meet regional workforce needs with CSU's and UC's

All concerns and suggestions expressed by the task force were considered by the faculty team, resulting in edits to the proposal.

Expected Timeline for KCCD Board Approval:

- KCCD Board of Trustee, first read – June 9, 2022
- KCCD Board of Trustee, second read – July 14, 2022
- CCCCO 2022 BDP Application Cycle #2 Submission Deadline – August 15, 2022