

A guide to acronyms and organizations in higher education

AAUP - American Association of University Professors

A nationwide professional association that acts as a union in a small number of California institutions (i.e. has collective bargaining rights).

CCA/CTA/NEA - Community College Association of the California Teachers Association of the National Education Association.

*A union, designated in chart on this page as **CTA**.*

CCC/CFT/AFT - Community College Council of the California Federation of Teachers of the American Federation of Teachers.

*A union, designated in chart on this page as **CFT**.*

CCCI - California Community College Independents.

*Local unions that are not affiliated with any of the state/national unions. Designated in chart on this page as **Ind**.*

CPFA - California Part-time Faculty Association.

A statewide professional association for non-tenure-track community college faculty that does not seek collective bargaining rights, acting as networking support for part-timers within their unions.

CWA - Communication Workers of America.

A union; has collective bargaining units for part-time faculty in a few districts.

FACCC - Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

A statewide professional association that does not seek collective bargaining rights, engaged in legislative advocacy and professional support for community college faculty.

related groups:

AFL-CIO - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.

*A national union coalition with which AFT and CWA, but not NEA, are affiliated. Contrary to urban legend, AFL-CIO is **not** "The Teamsters." In fact, the Teamsters dis-affiliated from AFL-CIO last summer.*

CFA/CTA/NEA - California Faculty Association/CTA/NEA. Represents all faculty in the California State University system.

UC-AFT - University Council -AFT. Also affiliated with CFT. Represents non-tenure-track (non-Senate) faculty in the University of California system.