

# Understanding Chart of Accounts

*Resource Planning & Budget*



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# LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Chartfields Used
- Budget Chartfield

# General Review

- Mandatory & Optional Chartfields
- Organizational/Departmental Tree Structure
- Funds
- Accounts
- Budget Chartfield

# What is Chart of Accounts?

These are the fields and values that provide a common language for classifying an organization's business transactions.

- Account (6 characters numeric)
- Fund (5 characters alphanumeric)
- Department ID (5 characters numeric)
- Program (4 numeric)
- Class (5 numeric)
- Project (8 numeric)
- Scenario

Chartfield String: Account + Fund + Department (MANDATORY)

PLUS: Program + Class + Project (OPTIONAL )

Chartfields are used on all financial transactions (Budget, Requisitions, POs)

# Mandatory & Optional Chartfields

| Chart of Accounts (Sample) |                              |                      |                               |           |                            |      |                                |       |                           |          |                               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Mandatory                  |                              |                      |                               | Optional  |                            |      |                                |       |                           |          |                               |
| Department                 | Fund                         | Account              |                               | Program   | Class                      |      | Project                        |       |                           |          |                               |
| 5 characters numeric       | 5 characters alphanumeric    | 6 characters numeric |                               | 4 numeric | 5 numeric                  |      | 8 numeric                      |       |                           |          |                               |
| 10001                      | A&R Info Technology          | THEFD                | CSU Operating Fund            | 501815    | Book Replacements          | 5756 | CESME                          | 20268 | On-line Prgm MSIDT        | 56000098 | Humanities Air Side           |
| 10002                      | Academic Advisement          | THERA                | Reimbursement Activities      | 501822    | Misc Course Fees           | 5757 | IACUC                          | 20269 | On-line Prgm MSIT         | 56000099 | Library South Air Side        |
| 10003                      | Academic Senate              | TAD01                | CERF Extended Education       | 501823    | User Fees                  | 5758 | Crown Castle (CC) Holdings GS  | 20270 | On-line Prgm Software Eng | 56000100 | VA Air Side                   |
| 10004                      | Accounting                   | TAD02                | President in UEE              | 501824    | Consolidated Course        | 5759 | Award FAC FDC Rsrc/CreatvAct B | 20271 | Other Languages           | 56000105 | MH Lab Replcmnt Feasibility   |
| 10005                      | Accounting & Financial Rptng | TAD03                | UEE Allocations - AA          | 601000    | Salaries and Wages         | 7792 | AS - Associated Students       | 20276 | Phys Plant Moving         | 56000111 | KHS Single Ply Roof           |
| 10006                      | Accounts Payable             | THD01                | Parking Rev Fund              | 601030    | President                  | 7793 | CSUFASC American Language Prgm | 20278 | SCERP                     | 56000112 | DMJM Project Contingency      |
| 10008                      | IT-Administration            | THMNT                | Housing Maintenance           | 601100    | Academic Salaries          | 7794 | CSUFASC-Osher Lifelong Learn   | 20279 | Science Education         | 56000113 | MH Replacement Feasibility    |
| 10009                      | IT-Administrative Computing  | TPD01                | Fines and Forfeitures         | 601101    | Department Chair           | 8001 | Release Time                   | 20281 | Service-Learning          | 56000115 | Photovoltaic System - PP      |
| 10011                      | Admission to Teacher Ed      | TLD06                | Access & Academic Development | 601102    | Summer Fellowship          | 8002 | Reimbursement O & E            | 20282 | Spanish                   | 57000001 | ADA Campus Signage            |
| 10012                      | Admissions                   | TLD07                | SS Adm Educ Eqty Comm Col     | 601103    | Graduate Assistant         | 8003 | ASI-Salary Reimbursements      | 20284 | Teacher Credentialing     | 57000003 | EC 5th & 6th Floor Restrooms  |
| 10013                      | Advancement Operations       | TLD08                | Stud Serv Adm Educ Equity HS  | 601201    | Management and Supervisory | 8004 | CSFPF - Salary Reimbursements  | 20285 | Teacher Recruitment       | 57000004 | Humanities 7th Floor Restroom |
| 10014                      | Afro-Ethnic Studies          | TLD10                | Educ Eqty Outreach            | 601300    | Support Staff Salaries     | 9801 | Fed Work Study Contracts 100%  | 20286 | TESOL/MLNG                | 57000006 | VIC Relocation                |
| 10016                      | Alumni Relations             | TLD12                | Advisement - Mis              | 601301    | Overtime                   | 9802 | Fed Work Study Contracts 60%   | 20287 | Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary | 57000007 | Nutwood - LH Parking Lot      |
| 10017                      | American Studies             | TLD33                | Discretionary Fund            | 660003    | Supplies and Services      | 9803 | Fed Work Study Contracts 75%   | 20289 | VPAA Publications         | 57000010 | Humanities 6th Flr Psychology |

## Departmental Financial Management Responsibility Balancing at Department + Fund Level

# Fund

- The Fund is required
- The Fund indicates where the money comes from
- The Fund identifies what restrictions are required

# Various Fund Types

1. CSU Operating Fund
  - THEFD (Main Operating Fund)
  - SSFGF (Student Success Initiative Fund)
  - SWXXX (Chancellor's Office Operating Fund Grants)
2. Lottery (TLD33)
3. Continuing Education (TAD01)
4. Parking (THD01)
5. Housing (THOPR)
6. Trust Funds (TSXXX, TTXXX)

# Accounts

1. The account chartfield identifies the nature of the expense

2. Account Types

10 - Assets

20 – Liabilities

30 - Equity

50 - Revenues

60 - Expenditures



# CSU Account Categories

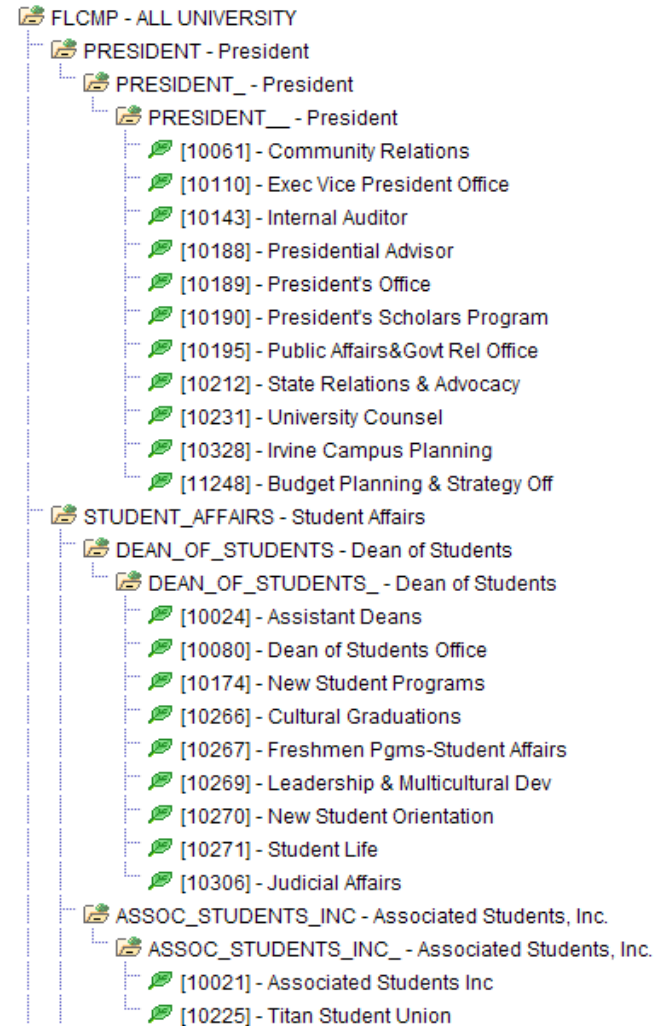
## Sample List

- 601 – Regular Salaries and Wages
- 602 – Work Study
- 603 – Benefits Group
- 604 – Communications
- 605 – Utilities Group
- 606 – Travel
- 660 – Misc. Operating Expenses

# Department

- The Department is required for Revenue and Expense
- The Department provides organizational structure
- The Department indicates who spends the money

# ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENTAL TREE STRUCTURE



# Program

- An optional 4-character value used to define ongoing general activities that are tracked for reporting
- Example: 7792 – AS – Associated Students (triggers billing)
- Example: 2060 – 2075 GI2025 Programs

# Class

- An optional 5-character value used for special cost reporting needs not met by other defined chartfields
- Example: 20667 - Coronavirus COVID-19 Incident

# Project

- Used to identify a discrete set of activities that have a strict start and end date
- Example: This chartfield is only available for reporting Capital Projects

# Budget Scenario Chartfield

Baseline Budget

One-Time Budget

Initial  
Baseline

Additional Baseline

Prior Year Budget

Current Year Budget

INTL\_BASE

Initial  
Base &  
Division  
Baseline  
Adj

ADDL\_BASE

Add'l  
Base  
Allocation

BTR\_BASE

Baseline  
Budget  
Transfer

PY\_CRYFWD

Prior  
Year  
CFWD

PY\_ENC

Prior Year  
Encumb

PY\_PTD

Prior  
Year PTD

IT\_BUDAJ

One-  
Time  
Budget  
Adj

BTR\_1Time

One-  
Time  
Budget  
Transfer

ABR\_BFNPL

Benefit  
Allocation

# Questions?

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