

INTERPRETING CATALOG INFORMATION

The number in parentheses following the course title indicates the credit value of the course in semester units. Each unit represents one hour per week for lecture or recitation, or two or more hours per week of laboratory work.

Degree Applicability

All courses that meet a major requirement of an academic program listed in this catalog may be applied towards graduation requirements for an associate degree unless the course is otherwise indicated as NDA (non-degree applicable).

Course Transferability

Many courses are transferable to four-year institutions. All transfer courses may be applied to the Associate Degree. Transfer courses are acceptable for credit at University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses according to the following codes:

University of California (UC)

Courses so designated are acceptable for credit at campuses of the University of California.

California State University (CSU)

Courses so designated are acceptable for credit at at least one of the campuses of the California State University. Courses designated (CSU) are certified as being appropriate for baccalaureate degree credit for determining admission eligibility as an undergraduate transfer student.

If there is no notation after the course title, then the course is not transferable for UC or CSU credit. UC and CSU transferability is based on 2009-2010 transfer course agreements and is subject to change. For updated information regarding course transferability, consult the Transfer Center or the Counseling Office.

COURSE REPEATABILITY FOR CREDIT

The symbol RPT identifies courses which may be taken more than once for credit. The number which follows the RPT symbol indicates the number of times a course may be repeated for credit. For example, (RPT 3) indicates that the course may be repeated three times for credit.

COURSE PREREQUISITE POLICY

Some courses in this catalog list required prerequisites or corequisites, or recommended coursework. Any course identified as a Prerequisite or Corequisite for another course is required; recommended coursework is clearly identified as Recommended.

If a course lists any prerequisites, all such prerequisites must be completed prior to taking the course. Corequisites may be completed concurrently.

Required Prerequisites Include:

1. Courses for which specific prerequisites have been validated in accordance with Title 5 regulations.
2. Sequential coursework in a degree program.
3. Courses in which a prerequisite is necessary for transfer to a four-year college.

Students who have questions about prerequisites should consult a college counselor or an instructor before registration.

Required Prerequisite Challenge Procedure:

Students may petition to challenge a prerequisite and/or corequisite. A waiver requires written explanation of alternative course work, background, or abilities which adequately prepare students for the course. Prerequisite/corequisite challenge petitions are available in the Admissions Office, Student Entry Center, or Assessment Office.

Reasons for seeking a prerequisite challenge must include one or more of the following:

1. The prerequisite course is not available.
2. The student has reason to believe the prerequisite/corequisite has not been validly established and is in violation of Title 5 regulations.
3. The student has the knowledge or ability to succeed in the course without meeting the prerequisite/corequisite.
4. The student believes the prerequisite/corequisite is discriminatory or being applied in a discriminatory manner.

See the section on Matriculation for additional information about challenging prerequisites and/or corequisites.

