

# Prerequisites and Co-requisites

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A course **prerequisite** is any requirement an academic department identifies as essential for a student to complete before taking a course. The university is responsible for publishing prerequisite requirements. All prerequisites, whether they apply to an individual course or to all courses in a department, should be stated in the electronic version of the university's Course Catalog ([https://prd-wlssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwckctlg.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_ctlg](https://prd-wlssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwckctlg.p_disp_dyn_ctlg)). They should also be stated in the course syllabus.

Course prerequisites consist of one or more of the following: completion of placement or proficiency tests or other assessments; achievement of specified scores on placement or proficiency tests or other assessments; possession of specified knowledge or skills; approval after audition; approval of portfolio; declaration of major or admission to restricted program; completion of specific courses, sets of courses, and/or kinds of courses; completion of a specified number of semester hours or achievement of a specified class level; achievement of specified grades in prerequisite courses or sets of courses; achievement of a specified GPA; approval of an application or proposal; permission of the instructor, department, or other person or office; satisfaction of other specified requirements.

Students are responsible for knowing and completing all published prerequisite requirements for a course before taking that course. The university has the obligation to inform students of prerequisite requirements. It has the right to cancel a student's registration in a course if the student has not satisfied the published prerequisite requirements for that course.

A course **co-requisite** is a requirement that must be completed at the same time as the course for which it is required. The university is responsible for publishing co-requisite requirements. All co-requisites, whether they apply to an individual course or to all courses in a department, should be stated in the electronic version of the university's Course Catalog ([https://prd-wlssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwckctlg.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_ctlg](https://prd-wlssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwckctlg.p_disp_dyn_ctlg)). They should also be stated in the course syllabus. Co-requisites may be specified courses, permissions, admission to programs, and/or other requirements. Students are responsible for knowing and completing all published co-requisite requirements for a course. The university has the obligation to inform students of co-requisite requirements and the right to cancel a student's registration in a course if the student has not arranged to satisfy the co-requisite requirements for that course.