

Prerequisites and Co-requisites

Prerequisites

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. 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.

Co-requisites

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. 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.