

One Stop Student Services

Policy: Prerequisites

Course Prerequisites

Many courses have prerequisites which you are expected to satisfy prior to enrollment. See "Prereq" in the departmental listings pages of the Schedule of Classes. Typical examples include a certain year-in-school (e.g. "Jr. standing"), other specific courses (e.g. "Physics 210"), a particular placement test score, admission to a particular major, or consent of the instructor.

Instructors have the right to enforce prerequisite requirements, and may deny enrollment to students that do not meet them. They may also permit exceptions.

If you do not meet the prerequisites specified for a particular course but believe that you have equivalent preparation, contact the instructor (or department) for more information.

You'll need to obtain a permission number from the department offering the course or submit a form signed by the department to enroll in those courses for which you lack prerequisites.

Administrative Drop for Lack of Prerequisites

If you lack a course prerequisite, you may be dropped from - or be required to drop - the class.

- Drop the class as soon as you know you can't remain in the class. It is your responsibility to drop classes for which you don't meet published prerequisites or which you do not plan to attend.
- Don't wait for the department to drop you, as fees for dropped classes are based on the date you drop the class online via PAWS or the date your drop form is submitted to Registrar's Office, Mellencamp 274.

Class Standing Enforcement

Class standing prerequisites will be enforced unless you obtain written permission of the instructor or the department in the "Instructor/Department Approval" box on an Add/Drop form. Forms must be submitted to MEL 274 after the student's initial registration appointment time, and will be processed by Registrar's Office staff.

Loss of Credit for Courses Taken Out of Sequence

Certain courses cannot be taken out of sequence. Check the course prerequisite to find out if you'll lose credit for taking a course out of sequence.

Prerequisite Abbreviations		
(P)	Prerequisite	A course in which a student is required to earn credit prior to being allowed to enroll in a subsequent higher-level course. A prerequisite course may not be taken for credit subsequent to the earning of credit in the higher-level course.
(NP)	Nonrepeatable Prerequisite	A prerequisite course for which the student is not permitted to substitute the grade earned when the course is repeated subsequent to earning credit in the higher-level course.
(C)	Corequisite	A course which may be taken as either a prerequisite or as a concurrent registration with the higher-level course.
(NC)	Nonrepeatable Corequisite	A corequisite course for which the student is not permitted to substitute the grade earned when the course is repeated subsequent to earning credit in the higher-level course.
(R)	Recommended Course	A course which the instructor strongly recommends be taken prior to enrollment in a subsequent course.
(ER)	Enrollment Restriction	A course which is not open for enrollment to students that have earned credits in a specified course (or courses) with similar or overlapping content.