

# Course Definitions and Format

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Courses approved at the time of publication are listed in this bulletin. Not all courses are offered every term. Refer to the online schedule of courses (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/academics/schedule>) and the student information system, Campus Connection, for course offerings. Credit cannot be earned twice by repeating a course unless the course description indicates otherwise.

## Definitions

Course descriptions frequently include additional information about enrollment, such as prerequisites and co-requisites. Students are responsible for complying with restrictions or expectations related to course enrollment listed herein or in any supplementary information.

**Course credits:** Credits are stated in semester units as defined in the academic policies section in this bulletin.

**Course prerequisites (Prereq):** Prerequisites indicate the academic background, academic level, or other requirements considered necessary for enrollment in the course. Most prerequisites are specific courses, however, equivalent preparation is usually acceptable. Instructor or department permission may override a prerequisite.

**Course co-requisites (Coreq):** Co-requisites indicate courses to be taken concurrently with the course described. Instructor or department permission may override a co-requisite.

**Cross-listed courses:** A cross-listed course means the same course is offered by two or more departments or under another course prefix. Cross-listed courses are noted and the full description appears under the department responsible for the course. Credit may only be earned for the course under one prefix.

**Dual-listed courses:** Dual-listed courses with 400- or 500- and 600-level course numbers permit undergraduate and graduate students in the same class. The same amount of credit for the course is earned by all students, but additional work is required of students enrolled under the graduate level number. Credit may only be earned for the course at one of the levels.

## Format of Course Listings

All university course offerings, listed alphabetically by areas of study, are described in the section titled Course Catalog Descriptions (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/course-catalog/descriptions>). Course information and course availability is subject to change. The heading, which precedes the brief description of each course, includes the current course number; course title; and the number of fixed or variable semester credit hours. The frequency the course is offered may appear at the end of the description. F = Fall, S = Spring, SS = Summer Session. Terms presented in a fraction indicate course is offered alternate years. F/2 = every other Fall semester.

## Course Numbers

Course numbers indicate the student classification for which the course is primarily intended. Some course numbers end with a letter suffix: L - laboratory course; R - recitation (undergraduate) or research continuation (graduate); S - graduate project. The number system is as follows:

- 0-99 series courses - developmental; non-degree eligible
- 100 series courses - primarily for freshmen
- 200 series courses - primarily for sophomores
- 300 series courses - primarily for juniors
- 400 series courses - primarily for seniors
- 500-599 series courses - post-baccalaureate professional courses
- 601-699 series courses - graduate courses taught concurrently in the same classroom with advanced undergraduates at the 400 or 500 level
- 700-799 series courses - open to graduate students
- 800-899 series courses - predominantly intended for doctoral level graduate students
- 2000 numbered courses - Continuing Education post-baccalaureate courses, not applicable toward graduate degrees

Graduate standing is required for 600-700 level courses unless prior approval to use the course for an undergraduate program of study is granted by the department/instructor.

## Uniform Course Numbers

The following courses may be offered by departments but are described here because of their uniform numbers and descriptions.

### (Prefix) 189

Skills for Academic Success, 1

This course is designed to ease the transition for new students at NDSU. Students will learn skills and techniques used by successful college students. In addition to introducing the students to campus resources and governance, topics will include study techniques, time management, test taking, note taking, goal setting, wellness, stress management, and career orientation.

**(Prefix) 191, 291, 391, 491, 590, 690, 790, 890**

Seminar, 1-5

A group of students engaged, under a professor or professors, in research or criticism and in presentation of reports pertaining thereto.

**(Prefix) 292, 392, 492, 692**

Study Abroad, 1-15

Pre-arranged study at accredited foreign institutions or in approved study abroad programs. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by major department. Graded 'P' or 'F' (undergraduate) or 'S' or 'U' (graduate).

**(Prefix) 193, 293, 393, 493**

Undergraduate Research, 1-5

Student research, scholarly project or creative investigation completed under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Directed independent project, collaborative work or ongoing participation in faculty research should culminate in a presentation, article or scholarly project.

**(Prefix) 194, 294, 394, 494**

Individual Study, 1-5

Individual student work on research or criticism under the supervision of a professor.

**(Prefix) 196, 296, 396, 496, 595, 695, 795, 895**

Field Experience/Practicum, 1-15

Field-oriented supervised learning activities outside the college classroom that include a preplanned assessment of the experience, registration during the term the experience is conducted, and post evaluation with the instructor. Departmental approval.

**(Prefix) 297, 397, 497, 897**

Cooperative Education, 1-4

Practical application of classroom learning through employment in supervised career-related positions. Students are granted full-time student status by the University regardless of the actual credit hours. Requires departmental approval and Co-op Program application. Graded 'P' or 'F' (undergraduate) or 'S' or 'U' (graduate).

**(Prefix) 199, 299, 399, 499, 596, 696, 796, 896**

Special Topics, 1-5

A group study of the known and established literature of a field, or other evidence, for purposes of scholarly development.

**(Prefix) 179, 279, 379, 479, and 679**

Study Tour Abroad, 1-6

NDSU faculty directed, part-term experience or field study in a foreign country. Conducted in English for residence credit. Prerequisite: Prior approval by the Office of International Programs and major department. May be repeated. Graded 'P' or 'F' (undergraduate) or 'S' or 'U' (graduate).

**(Prefix) 592**

Case Studies, 1-3

Critical review, analysis, and evaluation of selected topics by individual presentations and group discussions. Case study topics are indicated by title on the student's transcript. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 593, 793, 893**

Individual Study/Tutorial, 1-5

Directed study allowing an individual student under faculty supervision to undertake selected, independent work in topics of special interest or a limited experience in research. Requires departmental approval.

**(Prefix) 594, 794, 894**

Internship, 1-8

Course designed to provide practical participation under professional supervision in selected situations to gain experience in the application of concepts, principles, and theories related to the student's area of specialization. Requires approved program and consent of instructor. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 791, 891**

Temporary/Trial Topics, 1-5

University-wide course focused on group study involving critical examination and discussion of subject matter selected for proposal as a temporary or trial course.

**(Prefix) 792, 892**

Student Teaching, 1-6

Graduate student teaching experiences for professional development. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 797**

Master's Paper, 1-3

Literature review, research, and preparation for paper required for the comprehensive study option. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 797S**

Comprehensive Project, 1-6

An in-depth research study/project in a graduate student's field of study. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**(Prefix) 798**

Master's Thesis, 1-10

Original investigation under the supervision of a major adviser and a supervisory committee. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 798S**

Specialist Field Study, 1-6

**(Prefix) 799**

Master's Examination, 1-6

Literature review, research, and preparation for the master's examination option.

**(Prefix) 799S**

Clinical Dissertation, 1-15

The clinical dissertation is a scholarly work that focuses on practice issues. It involves identification, development, implementation, and evaluation and/or dissemination of an evidence-based project addressing a current clinical issue. Graded 'S' or 'U'.

**(Prefix) 899**

Doctoral Dissertation, 1-15

Original investigation under the supervision of a major adviser and an advisory committee. Graded 'S' or 'U'.