

# Course Definitions and Format

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## Uniform Course Numbers

The following courses may be offered by departments but are described here because of their uniform numbers and descriptions. If a grading basis is identified in the description below, no alternative grading basis may be requested. If no grading basis is identified in the description below, letter grades, P/F grades (undergraduate), or S/U grades (graduate) may be requested.

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

Global Seminar, 1-6

NDSU instructed experience or field study in a foreign country. Conducted in English for residence credit. Prerequisite: Prior approval by the International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. May be repeated.

**(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**

Global Practicum: Study Abroad, 1-15

Pre-arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange), or on approved study abroad programs. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and 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) 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**

Graduate Teaching Experience, 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'.