

Course Definitions and Format

Courses approved at the time of publication are listed in this catalog. Not all courses are offered every term; students should refer to the semester scheduling tool, Schedule Planner, or schedule information in the student information system, Campus Connection. Credit in a course cannot be earned twice by repeating a course unless the course description indicates otherwise with "May be repeated".

Definitions

A course description serves to provide an overview of the key content to be covered in the course and the knowledge to be learned. Course descriptions also include additional information about enrollment, such as pre- 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: Course credits are stated in semester units as defined in the academic policies section in this bulletin.

Course prerequisites (Prereq): A prerequisite is a course that is necessary to be completed before a student can enroll in the course.

Course co-requisites (Coreq): A co-requisite is a course that a student must take concurrently with another course. Co-requisite courses must be enrolled in at the same time and both courses must be dropped if the student discontinues enrollment in one.

Other requisites: Other requirements considered necessary for enrollment in a course, such as being admitted into a specific major, meeting a minimum credit total (classification), or earning a specific grade in a prereq course.

Cross-listed courses: Cross-listed courses are the same course offered by two or more departments under different prefixes. Cross-listed courses have a different prefix, but the course number, title, credits, course description, requisites and learning outcomes are the same. Each course is identified under the corresponding prefix in catalog course descriptions. The course exists under each prefix in the student information system for scheduling by each departments, but the course exists as a singular course in the CourseLeaf module for course editing. Credit may only be earned for the course under one prefix. The Repeated Courses (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/academic-policies/repeated-courses/>) policy applies if a student should attempt to retake the class under a different prefix following the first graded attempt.

Dual-listed courses: Dual-listed courses is one course is numbered at the 400-level (undergraduate) and the other course is numbered at the 600-level (graduate) and they have the same course prefix, title, credits, course descriptions, and requisites. While the same amount of credit for the course is earned by all students, there is additional work expected of the student enrolled in the 600-level course to meet the advanced course learning outcomes. Credit may only be earned for the course at one of the levels.