

Course Numbering and Prefixes

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Course Levels

An understanding of course load requirements and a description of classes open to students at different levels is useful before enrolling.

The university course numbering system indicates courses generally available to students at different levels.

Courses that do not require prerequisites are available to students with the necessary level of experience.

- 100–299 Lower-division courses are primarily for freshmen* and sophomore* students.
- 300–499 Upper-division courses are primarily for juniors* and seniors.*
- 500–599 These graduate courses are open to graduate students and qualified undergraduate seniors.
- 600–699 These courses are open to all students admitted to graduate study.
- 700–799 These are advanced graduate courses, usually reserved for doctoral students.

If a course has a prerequisite, you must either have received credit for the prerequisite or be completing the prerequisite before you can take the course. Otherwise, you must present satisfactory evidence to the course instructor that you can successfully complete the work. If a course is listed with a corequisite, you must enroll in both courses at the same time.

You may take any course listed without a prerequisite if you have the necessary level of experience (as explained below). For example, normally a first-year student shouldn't enroll in a course at the 300 level or above, and a sophomore shouldn't enroll in a course at the 400 level or above.

Academic Levels

*The Registrar's Office classifies students based on the number of units completed by the close of the preceding term.

Number of Units	Academic Level
0-29	Freshman
30-59	Sophomore
60-89	Junior
90 or more	Senior

Course Designation

NAU currently uses seven designations at the end of course numbers to indicate specific kinds of courses. These are:

Letter	Designation
C	Senior capstone course, approved by the Liberal Studies Committee
H	Honors course
I	Integrated: two or more courses taken concurrently (as corequisites) by a cohort of students.
L	Laboratory course
R	Recitation course
W	Junior-level writing requirement course. The Liberal Studies Committee approves courses for "W" status.
X	Developmental course, taken when a student is not ready for a non-X course. Readiness may be based on a low placement score or the need to develop basic competency. An "X" course may be counted for financial aid purposes, but not for academic requirements or Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations.

Course Prefixes

We use the following codes, or prefixes, in course descriptions at NAU and NAU Extended Campuses.

For descriptions of specific courses that Northern Arizona University offers, see Northern Arizona University's course catalog and schedule of classes at nau.edu/LOUIE.

Course Code	Course Subject
ACC	Accounting
ACM	Arts and Cultural Management
ADM	Administration
ADV	Advertising
AHB	Applied Human Behavior
AIS	Applied Indigenous Studies
ANS	Asian and North African Studies
ANT	Anthropology
APMS	Applied Physics & Materials Science
ARB	Arabic
ARE	Art Education
ARH	Art History

ART	Art
AS	Aerospace Studies
ASN	Asian Studies
AST	Astronomy
AT	Athletic Training
BA	Business Administration
BASW	Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
BBA	Bachelor Business Administration
BE	Bioengineering
BIO	Biological Sciences
BME	Bilingual and Multicultural Education
BSC	Biological Sciences
BSCI	Building Science
BUS	Bachelor of University Studies
CAL	College of Arts and Letters
CCHE	Community College Higher Ed
CCJ	Criminology and Criminal Justice
CCS	Comparative Cultural Studies
CENE	Civil and Environmental Engineering
CENS	College of Engineering and Natural Sciences
CHI	Chinese
CHM	Chemistry
CIE	Center for International Education
CINE	Cinema
CIT	Computer Information Technology
CLA	Classical Studies
CM	Construction Management
CMF	Creative Media and Film
COM	Communication
CPP	Clinical Psychology
CS	Computer Science
CSD	Communication Sciences and Disorders
CST	Communication Studies
CTE	Career and Technical Education
CYB	Cybersecurity
DH	Dental Hygiene

DIS	Disability Studies
ECI	Curriculum and Instruction
ECO	Economics
EDF	Educational Foundations
EDL	Educational Leadership
EDR	Educational Research
EDU	Education Yuma
EE	Electrical Engineering
EES	Earth & Environmental Science
EET	Electrical Engineering Technology
EGR	General Engineering
EIT	Entrepreneurship & Innovative Thinking
EMF	Electronic Media and Film
EMGT	Emergency Management
ENG	English
ENT	Entrepreneurship
ENTY	Entrepreneurship
ENV	Environmental Sciences
ENVY	Environmental Sciences
EPS	Educational Psychology
ES	Ethnic Studies
ESE	Education, Special Education
ETC	Educational Technology Curriculum
FIN	Finance
FIT	Fitness
FOR	Forestry
FRE	French
FW	Fitness Wellness
FYS	First Year Seminar
GCS	Grand Canyon Semester
GER	German
GLG	Geology
GRK	Greek
GSP	Geographic Science & Community Planning
HA	Hospitality Administration
HHS	Health and Human Services

HIS	History
HISY	History
HON	Honors
HPI	Health Policy Institute
HS	Health Science
HUM	Humanities
IBH	Integrated Behavioral Health
ICJ	Indian Country Criminal Justice
ID	Interior Design
IH	Interdisciplinary Health
INF	Informatics and Computing
INT	Intelligence Studies
ISM	Information Systems
ITA	Italian
ITG	Innovative Thinking
JLS	Journalism
JPN	Japanese
JUS	Justice Studies
LAN	Language
LAS	Latin American Studies
LAT	Latin
LEA	Strategic Leadership
MAT	Mathematics
ME	Mechanical Engineering
MER	Merchandising
MGBA	Master of Global Business Adm
MGT	Management
MKT	Marketing
MOL	Organizational Leadership
MS	Military Science
MST	Museum Studies
MUP	Music Performance
MUS	Music
NAU	Northern Arizona University
NAUY	Northern Arizona University
NAV	Navajo

NSE	National Student Exchange
NTS	Nutrition Science
NUR	Nursing
OTD	Occupational Therapy Doctorate
PADM	Public Administration
PE	Physical Education
PHA	Physician Assistant Studies
PHI	Philosophy
PHO	Photography
PHS	Physical Science
PHY	Physics
POR	Portuguese
PM	Project Management
POS	Political Science
PR	Public Relations
PRM	Parks and Recreation Management
PSY	Psychology
PT	Physical Therapy
REL	Religious Studies
RUS	Russian
SA	Study Abroad
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBS	Social and Behavioral Sciences
SE	Software Engineering
SIMY	Service Industry Management
SOC	Sociology
SOCIO	Sociology
SPA	Spanish
SST	Speech Sciences and Technology
STA	Statistics
STR	Strategic Communication
SUS	Sustainability
SW	Social Work
SYS	Second Year Seminar
TH	Theatre
TRAN	Transfer

TSM	Teaching Science and Math
USC	Undergraduate Studies Course
VC	Visual Communication
WGS	Women's and Gender Studies

Course Lines

NAU uses the following courses for the in-depth study of an aspect, concept, or problem in existing plans of study. Such courses share a common purpose and style but are intended to make the curriculum more flexible. They can be used in any department and then carry the appropriate departmental code.

Undergraduate Course Lines	
199 Special Topics (1-3)	Foundations of intellectual inquiry. In-depth study of a substantive problem. Letter grade only. May be repeated for up to 6 units of credit. <i>A specific topic may be offered under this course line no more than three times.</i>
208 Fieldwork Experience (1-6)	Supervised field experience in an appropriate organization, for students with limited background in a discipline. Pass-Fail only.
279 Introductory Undergraduate Research (1-6)	Supervised research experience for students with limited background in a discipline. Pass-Fail or letter grade. May be repeated for up to 12 units of credit.
299 Special Topics (1-3)	In-depth study of an aspect, concept, or problem. Letter grade only. May be repeated for up to 6 units of credit. <i>A specific topic may be offered under this course line no more than three times.</i>
389 Cooperative Education (1-12)	Individualized preplanned cooperative employment experience related to your field of study or career objectives. Pass-Fail only. May be repeated for up to 12 units of credit. Fee required. Cooperative Education Form
399 Special Topics (1-3)	In-depth study of an aspect, concept, or problem. Letter grade only. May be repeated for up to 6 units of credit. <i>A specific topic may be offered under this course line no more than three times.</i>
408 Fieldwork Experience (1-12)	Individualized supervised field experience in an appropriate agency or organization. Pass-Fail only. May be repeated for up to 12 units of credit. Fee required.

466 Legislative Internship (1-12)	Supervised internship in the Arizona Legislature during spring term. Students are selected on a competitive basis, and you must apply during the fall term. (To be eligible, you must be a candidate for a bachelor's degree, have completed all lower-division requirements, and have attained senior status at the end of the fall term preceding the internship.) Course enrollment is handled by the Associate Vice Provost/Associate Dean for University College after the legislature has made its final selection. Pass-Fail only.
485 Undergraduate Research (1-6)	Individualized original research under the supervision of a research advisor. Pass-Fail or letter grade. May be repeated for up to 12 units of credit.
497 Independent Study (1-6)	Individualized approach to selected topics by guided reading and critical evaluation. Pass-Fail or letter grade. May be repeated for up to 6 units of credit. Independent Study Form
499 Contemporary Developments (1-3)	Examines recent trends and investigations in a selected area. Letter grade only. May be repeated for up to 6 units of credit. <i>A specific topic may be offered under this course line no more than three times.</i>

Graduate Course Lines	
566 Legislative Internship (1-12)	Supervised internship in the Arizona Legislature during spring term. You must apply during fall term; selection is competitive, and you must be a candidate for a graduate degree. Enrollment is handled by the internship coordinator after the legislature has made its final selection. Pass-Fail only.
587 Professional Development Seminar (1-3)	Designed to assist in preparing you for entry into your professional arena. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy.
593 Workshop (1-3)	Topical instruction involving exchange of ideas, practical methods, skills, and principles. You may count up to 6 units of 593 toward your graduate plan. Pass-Fail only.
597 Reading for Comprehensive Exam (1-9)	Preparation for comprehensive examination. Pass-Fail only.

599 Contemporary Developments (1-3)	Examines recent trends and investigations in a selected area. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy. <i>A specific topic may be offered under this course line no more than three times.</i>
608 Fieldwork Experience (1-12)	Supervised field experience in an appropriate agency, organization, or situation. May not exceed 12 units of credit. Pass-Fail only. Fee required.
685 Graduate Research (1-6)	Individualized directed research on selected topics. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy.
687 Professional Development Seminar (1-3)	Designed to assist in preparing you for entry into your professional arena. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy.
689 Final Project (1-9)	Individualized final or capstone project. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy.
697 Independent Study (1-3)	Individualized directed study on selected topics. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on departmental policy. Note that no more than 3 units may be included on a master's plan in education. Independent Study Form
698 Graduate Seminar (1-3)	Reading and discussion on selected advanced topics. Pass-Fail or letter grade, depending on department policy.
699 Thesis (1-9)	Individualized directed research, writing, and oral defense of selected thesis topic. Pass-Fail only. prerequisite: admission to master's plan.
799 Dissertation (1-9)	Individualized directed research, writing, and oral defense of selected dissertation topic. Pass-Fail only.