

How to Use this Catalog

Your Washington State University Catalog provides you with information on a wide variety of important topics. This page shows how you can use the catalog easily.

General Information

The general information section provides you with information about admissions, student services, and choosing a major.

University Common Requirements and Courses

It is important to understand WSU's University Common Requirements (UCOREs), since you must fulfill them in order to graduate. The section of this catalog on the University Common Requirements describes the requirements and lists the courses which fulfill particular UCOREs.

Note: Students pursuing degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences have additional credit hour requirements chosen from UCORE courses as well as foreign language course requirements. Honors College students also have different requirements.

Departments, Requirements, and Courses

The information in this section includes the following:

- A listing of faculty, descriptions of the academic fields, and details about departmental requirements for majors and options, in alphabetical order by department name.
- A complete listing of all requirements needed for each degree is shown in a semester-by-semester schedule of studies to help you plan your course of studies. Note that departmental requirements are set at the time you certify in your major.
- A description of the courses offered by each department. Undergraduate courses are numbered from 100 through 499. 100- and 200-level courses are suggested for first- and second-year students, while 300- and 400-level courses are most appropriate for third- and fourth-year students. Graduate and professional courses are numbered from 500 through 800.

Understanding the Schedule of Studies

Here is an example and explanation of what you will see when you look at a schedule of studies:

First Year

	<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
(1)	Humanities [HUM]	3
(2)	Degree Program Course ¹	3
	Foreign Language, if necessary, or Elective	4
(3)	Quantitative Reasoning [QUAN]	3 or 4
	Social Sciences [SSCI]	3

(1) You are required to take a certain number of University Common Requirement courses (UCOREs) from different areas. In this example, you need to choose a Humanities course. These courses are designated with the [HUM] indicator and both the browse catalog in zsis and the schedule of studies allow you to search by the UCORE course designations such as [HUM]. See the section on the University Common Requirements for more information and a list of the courses.

(2) Footnotes are frequently used to give you more detailed information to help you plan. In this case, the footnote will list the courses from which to choose, given your specific major.

(3) The College of Arts and Sciences requires you to take one year of a foreign language at the university level if two years were not completed at the high school level.

Many departments allow you to take the required courses in a different order. Your advisor can tell you how much flexibility you have in rearranging the courses that are required for your degree.

Understanding Course Descriptions

Below are examples of course descriptions with definitions for each part. **Important!** Prerequisites will be listed if there are courses you need to take before you enroll in any particular class. Course prerequisites are checked by zsis at the point of registration.

In the first example, the course subject, "BIOLOGY", is followed by the course number, and then by "[BSCI]", which indicates that this course meets the UCORE biological science requirement. The credit hours are shown next. This is a 4-credit course, with three hours in lecture and three hours in lab each week. Next are the course prerequisites required for enrolling in the course. If you haven't already taken a CHEM course, you may fulfill the course prerequisite by enrolling in chemistry at the same time that you enroll in BIOLOGY 107.

BIOLOGY

107 [BSCI] Introductory Biology: Cell Biology and Genetics 4 (3-3) Course Prerequisite: Minimum 2 credits 100 level CHEM or concurrent enrollment. First or second semester of a one-year sequence (BIOLOGY 106/107 or BIOLOGY 107/106) for science majors and pre-professional students. Cell biology and genetics of prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

In the second example, this "Topics" course indicates that the subject matter for the class will change each term and that the class may be repeated for additional credit. The course is also a variable credit class, indicated by the 'V' and 3 - 6 credits may be offered or taken each term. Up to 6 total credit hours may be taken. Also, note that the department is recommending that you have Junior standing before taking the course. This is not a course prerequisite -- but it is good advice that you will want to consider.

ANTH

395 Topics in Anthropology V 3-6 May be repeated for credit; cumulative maximum 6 hours. Examination of selected topics in contemporary anthropological theory and practice. Recommended preparation: Junior standing.