

Course Registration FAQ's

1. What are Prerequisites, Antirequisites, Corequisites, and Constraints?

Prerequisite: a course that must be completed in order to register in your desired course. Prerequisites are needed because they ensure that you have the background knowledge to understand course concept

Antirequisite: indicates courses that have very similar content so they cannot both be taken for credit

Corequisite: a course that must be taken concurrently with the desired course

Constraints: The criteria you need to meet in order to be eligible to enroll in a course. For example, a course may only be offered to students in fourth year, as a first year you would be unable to take this course.

2. What courses are considered first year courses?

Courses labelled 1000-1999 count as first year courses. By the end of your first year you should have 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999 (language courses are the exception).

3. When I add courses, do I add both Fall and Winter?

Yes, Western is not a semestered school. On June 11 you should be adding both your Fall and your Winter courses so that your total number of courses comes to 5.0 credits.

4. What do Course Suffixes mean?

No suffix means a full credit course (1.0) that begins in September and runs until April

A- First half course (0.5 credit) that runs from September to December

B- Second half course (0.5 credit) that runs from January to April

E- Essay course that runs September to April (worth 1.0 credit)

F- Essay half course (0.5 credit) offered first term (September to December)

G- Essay half course (0.5 credit) offered second term (January to April)

Note: *Essay courses have a significant writing component*

Q/R/S/T- Quarter courses (0.25 credit) offered within a regular session. **Q** runs from September to October, **R** runs from November to December, **S** runs from January to February, and **T** runs from March to April

Y- half course (0.5 credit) offered outside a regular session that counts as a September to April course

Z- essay half course (0.5 credit) offered outside a regular session that counts as a September to April course

5. What are the different course components?

Every course is comprised of a class lecture (LEC) section. Some courses may also contain a laboratory (LAB) and/ or a tutorial (TUT) section.

6. What is the difference between a class number and a course number?

Course Number: The number that accompanies the name of the class

Class Number: A unique four digit number that is assigned to each individual class section. This number changes every year. Note: a quick way to search for the class section that you want when enrolling in is to use the class number.

7. What are Breadth Requirements and why are they necessary?

In first year you are required to take 1.0 credits each from two of the three categories A, B, and C, as described in the first year calendar ([Breadth](#)). Before graduation, you must successfully complete 1.0 course from each of the three categories. Breadth requirements are needed in order to widen your knowledge and understanding across a broader range of disciplines. They enable students to develop insight and experience in areas separate from their main field of study.

8. When can I enroll in courses?

Starting June 11th, you will be able to see when you can start enrolling in courses by clicking on "Open Enrollment Dates" on your Student Center (student.uwo.ca). You will receive an email on your Western email account to notify you that your enrollment appointment is available to view.