

Course/Credit Hour Definitions

Credit Hour Defined

A *credit hour* is a measure of graduate or undergraduate academic work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work for each week of instructional time for approximately 15 weeks for one semester, or an equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. A class hour at Wichita State University is typically 50 minutes.

The number of hours of credit for each course is indicated in parentheses following the course title in the academic catalog. Course descriptions include information about the breakdown of class and laboratory hours when applicable. Two hours of laboratory work usually are required for 1 hour of credit.

Course Numbering System

Courses carrying graduate credit are listed in the Graduate Catalog. Only courses numbered 500 and above can carry graduate credit and only for students admitted to the Graduate School at the time of enrollment.

Courses numbered under 500 carry undergraduate credit only and may be taken as supporting or prerequisite courses, but may not be counted toward a graduate degree and are not computed in a student's graduate grade point average. They are also assessed at the appropriate undergraduate tuition rate. Graduate students who must complete prerequisite coursework at the 500 to 700 level may, in the semester of enrollment, request the registrar's office to change their enrollment level in those prerequisite courses to undergraduate level. Once changed to undergraduate level, those courses cannot be changed back to graduate level, and cannot be used toward a graduate degree. They will not be counted in the graduate grade point average, and they will be assessed at the undergraduate tuition rate. Please be aware that changing the level of these courses to undergraduate could impact financial aid disbursement, as well as credit hours needed to maintain full time graduate enrollment. Some tuition benefits for Graduate Assistants may not be awarded for courses changed to undergraduate level credit. It is recommended that students consult with their advisor, the Financial Aid office (if receiving federal aid) or the Office of International Student Services (if an international student) before changing the level of their prerequisite coursework.

Courses numbered 500–699 are aimed primarily at juniors and seniors, but graduate students may also receive graduate credit for these courses if the student was admitted to the Graduate School prior to enrollment in the course. Some graduate programs do not allow courses numbered 500–699, which carry graduate credit, to meet degree requirements and students should be aware of such restrictions before enrolling. In such mixed classes, a discernibly higher level of performance is expected from graduate students, with the nature of this differential performance set by the professor.

Courses numbered 700–799 are structured primarily for graduate students, but upper-division undergraduate students may be admitted if they meet course prerequisites. All students in these courses are expected to perform at the level of graduate students (Graduate I students who ordinarily have not accumulated more than 30 credit hours in a graduate program). Students receive graduate credit if the student was admitted to the Graduate School prior to enrollment; undergraduate students receive undergraduate credit unless the student was preapproved to earn graduate credit for that specific course under the senior rule policy, or was preapproved for graduate credit for that

specific course following the student's admission to a dual/accelerated bachelor's to master's program.

Courses numbered 700–899 are designed primarily for Graduate I students. Courses numbered 900–999 are designed primarily for Graduate II students (those who ordinarily have completed more than 30 credit hours in a graduate program).

Courses numbered 800 and above are restricted to graduate students only or undergraduate students approved for enrollment under the senior rule or accelerated degree options.

In special cases, courses in areas where graduate degree programs are not currently available may carry graduate credit and apply toward a graduate degree in a related field or simply count as graduate credit for some nondegree purpose. Any of these courses applied toward an advanced degree program must have the approval of the student's advisor and the chairperson of the department involved in advance of enrollment.

Course Subject Abbreviations

The following abbreviations of academic departments and subject areas are used in references to courses offered by those departments.

AC	Applied Computing
ACCT	Accounting
AE	Aerospace Engineering
ALBA	Applied Learning - Business
ALED	Applied Learning - Education
ALEN	Applied Learning - Engineering
ALFA	Applied Learning - Fine Arts
ALHN	Applied Learning - Honors
ALHP	Applied Learning - Health Prof
ALID	Applied Learning - ID
ALLA	Applied Learning - LAS
ANTH	Anthropology
APEN	Applied Engineering
ARAB	Arabic
ARTE	Art Education
ARTF	Art and Design Foundation
ARTG	Graphic Design
ARTH	Art History
ARTS	Studio Arts
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Athletic Training
BADM	General Business Administration
BIOL	Biological Sciences
BLAW	Business Law
BME	Biomedical Engineering
BSAN	Business Analytics
CED	Education
CESP	Counseling, Educational and School Psychology
CHEM	Chemistry
CHIN	Chinese
CI	Curriculum and Instruction
CIPE	Curriculum and Instruction Physical Education
CJ	Criminal Justice

CLES	Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology	GEOG	Geography
COMM	Communication	GEOL	Geology
CS	Computer Science	GERM	German
CSD	Communication Sciences and Disorders	GREK	Greek
DANC	Dance	HIST	History
DATA	Data Science	HLS	Homeland Security
DH	Dental Hygiene	HNRS	Honors Program
DS	Decision Sciences	HP	Health Professions — General
ECE	Electrical and Computer Engineering	HPS	Human Performance Studies
ECON	Economics	HRM	Human Resource Management
EEPS	Earth, Environmental and Physical Sciences	HS	Health Sciences
EL	Educational Leadership	HSP	Hospitality
EMBA	Executive Master of Business Administration	IB	International Business
ENGL	English Language and Literature	ID	Innovative Design
ENGR	General Engineering	IME	Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
ENTR	Entrepreneurship	ISLE	Intervention Services and Leadership in Education
EXSC	Exercise Science	ITAL	Italian
FA	Fine Arts — General	JAPN	Japanese
FIN	Finance	LASI	Liberal Arts Interdisciplinary
FREN	French	LATN	Latin
FS	Forensic Science	LEAD	Leadership
FYAN	First-Year Seminar ANTH	LING	Linguistics
FYAP	First-Year Seminar APEN	MART	Media Arts
FYAR	First-Year Seminar ART	MATH	Mathematics
FYBA	First-Year Seminar BA	MBA	Master of Business Administration
FYCJ	First-Year Seminar CJ	MCLL	Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
FYCM	First-Year Seminar COMM	ME	Mechanical Engineering
FYEA	First-Year Seminar ED	MGMT	Management
FYEG	First-Year Seminar ENGR	MILS	Military Science
FYEN	First-Year Seminar ENGL	MIS	Management Information Systems
FYFA	First-Year Seminar CFA	MKT	Marketing
FYHN	First-Year Seminar HN	MLS	Medical Laboratory Sciences
FYHP	First-Year Seminar CHP	MUSA	Applied Music
FYHS	First-Year Seminar HIST	MUSC	Musicology-Composition
FYID	First-Year Seminar ID	MUSE	Music Education
FYLA	First-Year Seminar LAS	MUSP	Music Performance
FYMG	First-Year Seminar MGMT	NURS	Nursing
FYML	First-Year Seminar MCLL	PA	Physician Associate
FYMS	First-Year Seminar MLS	PADM	Public Administration
FYMU	First-Year Seminar MUS	PC	Personal Computing
FYPF	First-Year Seminar PERF	PHIL	Philosophy
FYPH	First-Year Seminar PHS	PHS	Public Health Sciences
FYPL	First-Year Seminar PHIL	PHYS	Physics
FYPS	First-Year Seminar POLS	POLS	Political Science
FYSO	First-Year Seminar SOC	PSY	Psychology
FYSP	First-Year Seminar SLS	PT	Physical Therapy
FYST	First-Year Seminar STL	RE	Real Estate and Land Use Economics
FYSW	First-Year Seminar SCWK	REL	Religion
		RUSS	Russian
		SCWK	Social Work

SMGT	Sports Management
SOC	Sociology
SPAN	Spanish
SPED	Special Education
STAT	Statistics
TALS	Teacher Apprenticeship Pathways, Literacy and Special Education
TAP	Teacher Apprentice Program
THEA	Theatre
WEIS	Women's, Ethnicity and Intersectional Studies