

How to Read a Course Description

Course Offerings

The Catalog includes information for each academic department or program, followed by a list of course offerings. Courses that are not offered on a regular basis will have the following statement "offered infrequently" listed with the description. A schedule of courses to be offered in each semester or term is posted online prior to the registration period for that semester or term. Courses are offered during an academic year composed of 14-week fall and winter semesters and 7-week spring and summer terms. Some courses meet for more than seven weeks during the spring and summer.

Course Numbers and Titles

Course numbers and titles are printed in the Catalog in boldface type. A number in parentheses following the course number indicates that the course had previously been listed by this number. Courses numbered 100 to 299 are introductory and intermediate courses; those numbered 300 to 499 are usually advanced undergraduate courses. Courses numbered 500 and above are for graduate students and may not be elected by undergraduates except with approval from the school or college.

Prerequisites and Requirements

Some courses carry specific prerequisites printed immediately following the course number and title.

Credits

Credit is indicated by an *italic* number in parentheses following the course title and prerequisites (if any). Credits are earned by semester hours. One credit is usually earned for each hour of lecture per week in courses offered during a fall or winter semester, or for each two hours of lecture per week during a spring or summer term. Courses with labs involve additional hours of meeting time each week.

Symbols Used in Course Descriptions

Many courses apply toward General Education Requirements. (See the section "General Education Program" for further explanation.) The letters *F*, *H*, *N/NL*, *S*, *T*, *FQ*, *GS*, *HW* or *CAP* in *italics* immediately following the number of credits, indicates the General Education Requirement to which a course applies, and *US* indicates that the course has US Diversity designation for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Bachelor of Arts distribution requirements.

- F* fine arts
- H* humanities
- N* natural science

NL natural science laboratory
S social science
T technology
FQ Finance and quantitative literacy
GS global studies
HW health and well being
CAP capstone
US US diversity

Special Information

Information in italics following the course description gives any special information. For example, if a course is listed in more than one department, this crosslisting is given. If the course can be elected more than once or must be taken concurrently with another course, this is designated here.

Grades

Most courses are graded on an ABCDE system. Unless another grading system appears, this is the grading system used. When an alternate grading system is used, the information appears in italics at the end of the course description. *Pass/Fail* indicates that a course is offered only on a pass/fail basis. In *ABCN*, *ABCC-N*, *ABCDN*, and *ABCDD-N* courses, the grade printed last is the lowest grade for which credit is granted. A grade once reported (with the exception of I or Y) may be changed only to correct a demonstrable error. It is the policy of the University of Michigan-Flint that grades may be changed up to one calendar year after the end of the semester in which the grade was originally submitted.

Sample Course Description

The example which follows may help in interpreting the information included in course descriptions.

CPL 301- Introduction to Francophone African Literature. ENG 112 or EHS 120. (3)*H*.

Introduction to Francophone African Literature. The Negritude (Movement) School and its impact on African Literature. Readings from the works of Leon-Gontran Damas, Birago Diop, Aime Cesaire, Leopold Sedar Senghor, and others. *Also listed as AFA 300. Graded ABCDN.*

The number and name of the course are in **bold** type. The prerequisites follow. The student must have already taken ENG 112 or EHS 120. The (3) indicates that this is a three-credit class. The *H* means that it counts for Humanities credit in the General Education Requirements.

The course description is given, followed by special information, printed in italics. The grading system is given; the lowest grade for which credit is granted for this course is a D. (If no grading system is listed, the course is graded on an ABCDE system.)