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## Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System

Courses in this catalog are identified by prefixes and numbers that were assigned by Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System. This numbering system is used by all public postsecondary institutions in Florida and 33 participating non-public institutions. The major purpose of this system is to facilitate the transfer of courses between participating institutions.

Each participating institution controls the title, credit, and content of its own courses and recommends the first digit of the course number to indicate the level at which students normally take the course. Course prefixes and the last three digits of the course numbers are assigned by members of faculty discipline committees appointed for that purpose by the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee. Individuals nominated to serve on these committees are

selected to maintain a representative balance as to type of institution and discipline field or specialization.

The course prefix and each digit in the course number have a meaning in the Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS). The list of course prefixes and numbers, along with their generic titles, is referred to as the "SCNS taxonomy." Descriptions of the content of courses are referred to as "course equivalency profiles."

## EXAMPLES OF COURSE IDENTIFIER

PREFIX	LEVEL CODE (1ST DIGIT)	CENTURY DIGIT (2ND DIGIT)	DECADE DIGIT (3RD DIGIT)	UNIT DIGIT (4TH DIGIT)	LAB CODE
SYG	1	0	1	0	
Sociology, General	Freshman Level at this institution	Entry-level General Sociology	Survey Course	Social Problems	No Laboratory Component in This Course.

## General Rule for Course Equivalencies

Equivalent courses at different institutions are identified by the same prefixes and same last three digits of the course number and are guaranteed to be transferable between participating institutions that offer the course, with a few exceptions. (Exceptions are listed below.)

For example, a survey course in social problems is offered by 35 different postsecondary institutions. Each institution uses "SYG\_010" to identify its social problems course. The level code is the first digit and represents the year in which students normally take the course at a specific institution. In the SCNS taxonomy, "SYG" means "Sociology, General," the century digit "0" represents "Entry-level General Sociology," the decade digit "1" represents "Survey Course," and the unit digit "0" represents "Social Problems."

In science and other areas, a "C" or "L" after the course number is known as a lab indicator. The "C" represents a combined lecture and laboratory course that meets in the same place at the same time. The "L" represents a laboratory course or the laboratory part of a course, having the same prefix and course number without a lab indicator, which meets at a different time or place.

Transfer of any successfully completed course from one institution to another is guaranteed in cases where the course to be transferred is equivalent to one offered by the receiving institution. Equivalencies are established by the same prefix and last three digits and comparable faculty credentials at both institutions. For example, SYG 1010 is offered at a community college. The same course is offered at a state university as SYG 2010. A student who has successfully complete SYG 1010 at the community college is guaranteed to receive transfer credit for SYG 2010 at the

state university if the student transfers. The student cannot be required to take SYG 2010 again since SYG 1010 is equivalent to SYG 2010. Transfer credit must be awarded for successfully completed equivalent courses and used by the receiving institution to determine satisfaction of requirements by transfer students on the same basis as credit awarded to the native students. It is the prerogative of the receiving institution, however, to offer transfer credit for courses successfully completed that have not been designated as equivalent.

## The Course Prefix

The course prefix is a three-letter designator for a major division of an academic discipline, subject matter area, or sub-category of knowledge. The prefix is not intended to identify the department in which a course is offered. Rather, the content of a course determines the assigned prefix to identify the course.

**Authority for Acceptance of Equivalent Courses**

Section 1007.24(7), Florida Statutes, states:

Any student who transfers among postsecondary institutions that are fully accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and that participate in the statewide course numbering system shall be awarded credit by the receiving institution for courses satisfactorily completed by the student at the previous institutions. Credit shall be awarded if the courses are judged by the appropriate statewide course numbering system faculty committees representing school districts, public postsecondary educational institutions, and participating nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions to be academically equivalent to courses offered at the receiving institution, including equivalency of faculty credentials, regardless of the public or nonpublic control of the previous institution. The Department of Education shall ensure that credits to

be accepted by a receiving institution are generated in courses for which the faculty possess credentials that are comparable to those required by the accrediting association of the receiving institution. The award of credit may be limited to courses that are entered in the statewide course numbering system. Credits awarded pursuant to this subsection shall satisfy institutional requirements on the same basis as credits awarded to native students.

**Exceptions to the General Rule for Equivalency**

The following courses are exceptions to the general rule for course equivalencies and may not transfer. Transferability is at the discretion of the receiving institution

- A. Courses not offered by the receiving institution
- B. Courses with the last three digits ranging from 900-999 (e.g., ART 2905)
- C. College preparatory and vocational preparatory courses

- D. Internships, practica, clinical experiences, and study abroad courses with numbers other than those ranging from 900-999
- E. Applied performance or studio courses in Art, Dance, Interior Design, Music and Theatre
- F. Skills courses in Criminal Justice
- G. Graduate courses
- H. For courses at non-regionally accredited institutions, courses offered prior to the established transfer date of the course

Questions about the Statewide Course Numbering System and appeals regarding course credit transfer decisions should be directed to the Senior Vice President in the Office of Instructional Services, Building A, Niceville Campus of OWC or the Florida Department of Education, Office of Articulation, 1401 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400. Special reports and technical information may be requested by calling the Statewide Course Numbering System office at (850) 245-0427, SunCom (850) 205-0427 or via the internet at <http://scns.fldoe.org>.

**COURSE PREFIXES**

DEPARTMENT/ PROGRAM AREA	PHONE NUMBER	COURSE PREFIXES
Advanced Technology and Design	729-5218	ARC, ART, BCN, BCT, CET, EGS, ETD, ETG, ETI, GRA, PMT, PGY, SUR, TAR
Allied Health		DEA, DES, EMS, NUR, RTE, STS
Dental Assisting	729-6444	
Nursing	729-6400	
Paramedic	729-6400	
Radiography	729-6400	
Surgical Technology	729-6400	
Athletics, Health, and Fitness	729-5379	DAA, HLP, HSC, PEL, PEM, PET, PEO
Business	729-5369	ACO, ACG, BUL, COM, ECO, FIN, GEB, HFT, HIM, HSA, HSC, MAN, MAR, MKA, MNA, MTB, OTA, OST, PLA, RMI, SLS, TAX
Child Development	729-5735	CHD, DEP, FAD, HEV
Communications	729-5390	COM, CRW, ENC, ENG, FRE, LIN, LIS, LIT, ORI, REA, SPA, SPC, SPN
Computer Science	729-5369	CDA, CEN, CET, CGS, CIS, COP, CTS
Education	729-5322	EDF, EDG, EDP, EEX, EME, EPI
Humanities, Fine & Performing Arts	729-5382	AML, ARH, ART, ENL, HUM, MUH, MUM, MUN, MUS, MUT, MVB, MVK, MVP, MVS, MVV, MVW, PGY, PHI, REL, THE, TPA, TPP
Mathematics	729-5377	MAC, MAP, MAS, MAT, MFG, MGF, MTB, STA
Military Science (ROTC)	729-6022	MSL
Public Safety	729-5378	CCJ, CJC, CJD, CJE, CJK, CJL, CJT, DSC, EMS, FFP
Sciences	729-5376	AST, BOT, BSC, CHM, ESC, EVS, GLY, HUN, ISC, MCB, MET, OCE, PCB, PHY, PSC, ZOO
Social Sciences	729-5391	AMH, ANT, CLP, DEP, EDF, EDG, EDP, EEX, EME, EUH, GEA, GEO, INR, ISS, LIS, PPE, POS, POT, PSY, SLS, SOW, SYG, WHO

## SUBJECT AND COURSE PREFIX LISTINGS

SUBJECT	COURSE PREFIXES	SUBJECT	COURSE PREFIXES
Accounting	ACO, ACG, TAX	Legal Secretary	OST
Anthropology	ANT	Library Science	LIS
Archeology	ANT	Literature	AML, ENL, LIT
Art	ART, PGY	Management	MAN, MNA
Art History	ARH	Manufacturing	ETI, PMT
Astronomy	AST	Marketing	MAR, MKA
Biology	BOT, BSC, MCB, OCE, PCB, ZOO	Mathematics	MAC, MAP, MAS, MAT, MFG, MGF, MTB, STA
Botany	BOT	Medical Office Skills	OST, HSC, HIM, HSA
Building Construction	BCN, BCT	Medical Reporting	OST, HSC, HIM, HSA
Business	FIN, GEB	Meteorology	MET
Business Law	BUL	Military Science (ROTC)	MSL
Chemistry	CHM	Multimedia	ART, GRA, PGY
Child Development	CHD, DEP, FAD, HEV	Music	MUH, MUN, MUS, MUT, MVB, MVK, MVP, MVS, MVV, MVW
Computer Science	CDA, CGS, CIS, COP, CET, CEN, CTS	Nursing	NUR
Communications	COM	Nutrition	HUN
Criminal Justice	CCJ, CJC, CJD, CJE, CJK, CJL, CJT	Oceanography	OCE
Dance	DAA, PEM, DAN	Office Skills	CGS, OST, OTA, COM
Dental Assisting	DEA, DES	Paramedics	EMS
Domestic Security	DSC	Philosophy	PHI
Drafting	BCN, EET, EGS, ETD, ETG, TAR	Photography	PGY
Early Childhood/Family	CHD, FAD, HEV	Physical Education	HLP, PEM, PET, PEL, HSC
Earth Science	ESC	Physical Science	ISC, PHY, PSC
Economics	ECO	Physics	PHY
Education	EME, EDF, EDG, EDP, EEX, EPI	Political Science	POS, POT
Engineering Technology	ETD, ETG	Psychology	CLP, DEP, EDP, PPE, PSY
English	COM, CRW, ENC, ENG, LIN, REA	Radiology	RTE
Environmental Sciences	EVS	Reading	REA
Fire Science	FFP	Religion	REL
French	FRE	Theatre	THE, TPA, TPP
Geography	GEA, GEO	Safety & Quality Control	ETI
Geology	GLY	Sign Language	SPA
Graphic Design	ART, GRA, PGY	Spanish	SPN
Health Education	HSC	Speech and Debate	COM, ORI, SPC
History	AMH, EUH, WOH	Sociology	INR, SOW, SYG
Hospitality Mgmt.	HFT	Surgical Technology	STS
Humanities	ARH, HUM, MUH, PGY, PHI, REL, THE	Surveying	SUR
Insurance	RMI	Wellness	HUN, HLP, PEM
Legal Assisting	PLA	Zoology	ZOO