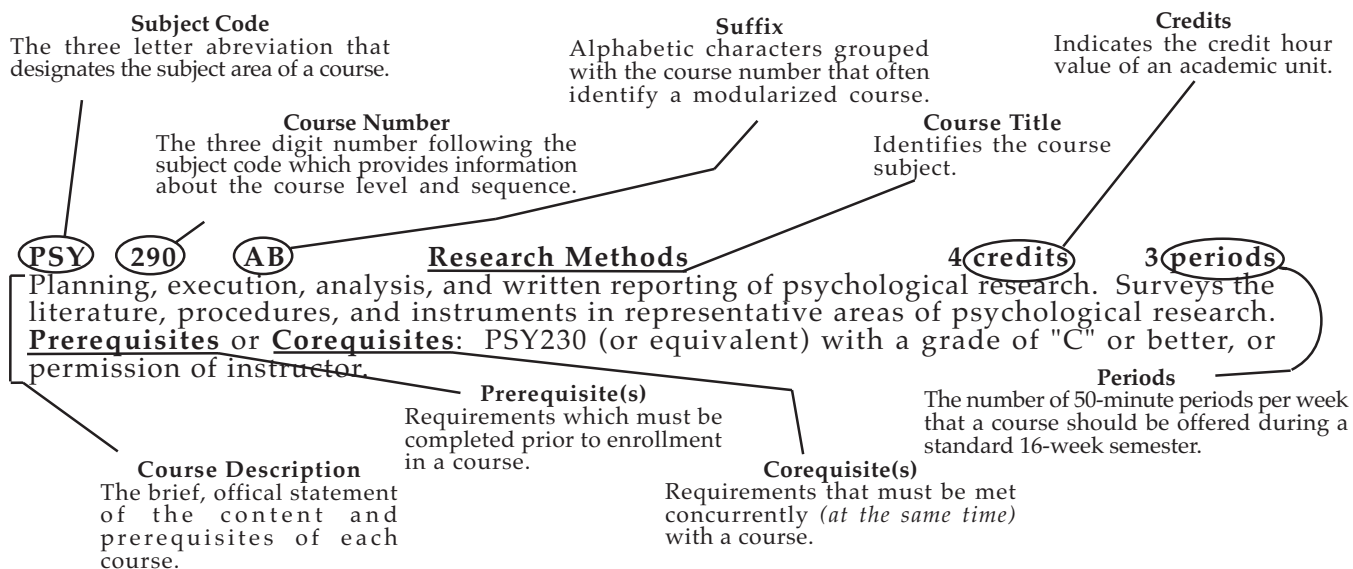


College Terminology



Advisor

A resource person able to help you plan your course of study and select appropriate courses. Also called program advisors or academic advisors.

Arizona General Education Curriculum

The Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) is a 35 semester credit block of lower division general education courses for Arizona community college students transferring to public universities. The AGEC will transfer as a block to any Arizona public university without loss of credit and will fulfill all lower division general education requirements for the majors with which they articulate.

Associate Degree

A degree awarded for the completion of a minimum of 60 credits selected to meet specific requirements. The Associate of Arts (A.A.) emphasizes courses for transfer to four-year schools, the Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.) allows more flexibility in course selection, and the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) emphasizes a particular occupational field.

Audit

To take a class for no credit. There are additional charges for auditing, see Tuition and Fee chart.

Bachelor's Degree

A degree awarded by a four-year college. The B.A. or B.S. requires approximately 120 credits.

Catalog

The annual publication which explains college policies, procedures, and programs, including course descriptions.

Counselor

A faculty member available to help you with personal, career, or school related concerns.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

This is a measure of student academic proficiency. It is calculated by multiplying each course credit hours by the points awarded for the grade earned. The sum is then divided by the total number of credit hours attempted.

Curriculum

A series of courses which meet a particular academic or vocational goal. Also call refer to as a program of study.

Electives

Courses a student can select in order to complete a program of study, sometimes with restrictions.

Federal Work Study

A form of financial aid based on need which provides the student with paid employment while in school.

Grant

Student financial aid based on need. Grants do not have to be repaid.

Lower Division

First and second year college courses.

Required course

A course needed to complete a certificate or degree program.

Schedule Adjustment

The period during which you can make changes in your schedule without penalty. The Schedule Adjustment period varies with the length of class.

Schedule of Classes

The publication that lists the offerings for a specific term and year.

Scholarship

Student financial aid based on academic achievement, need, or a combination of factors. Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Syllabus

A course outline and information on classroom policies, test, dates and materials to be used in a class, usually given to students by the instructor at the first class meeting.

Transcript

A record of a student's course work and grades.

Transfer Credit

Credit earned at another college applied to a Glendale Community College program or credit earned at Glendale Community College to be applied to another college or university.

Upper Division

Courses usually taken during junior and senior years offered at four-year institutions.