

Glossary of Terms

Abbreviations commonly used at Oxnard College

Academic Year: Fall and spring semester. The academic year traditionally begins with fall semester.

Add Authorization Code: 4-digit number given to a student by the instructor of a closed class. Enables student to override the closed status using WebSTAR.

Add Card: A green card used to add classes during the first two weeks of instruction.

Adding: A student-initiated enrollment in a course, usually by use of an Add card, Authorization Code, or remote web access.

Advisory: An “advisory” is a note that relates to a particular course. It may be a recommendation for preparation the student is advised to have before enrolling in a course, though enrollment would not be blocked as it would be with a prerequisite.

Articulation: The process by which the elements of an educational program are interrelated. For example, an articulated course is one for which the educational requirements are the same at OC as at a four-year college or university, such as UCSB. Therefore, if a student takes a course at OC that has been articulated for transfer to UCSB, that course will be accepted as equivalent in content to a similar course at UCSB.

Assessment Test: Tests given to students prior to registration for classes. English and math skills are evaluated and the results are used to help students select appropriate classes.

Associate Degree

(AA or AS): A degree granted by a community college which recognizes a student’s satisfactory completion of an organized program of at least 60 semester units, including the major and general education requirements.

AA: Associate in Arts (degree)

AS: Associate in Science (degree)

ASG: Associate Student Govt. The student government body at OC.

Audit: The method a student uses to enroll in a course for which authorized fees are paid but no units are earned. A student may not register as an auditor until the last two days of the program adjustment period.

Bachelor’s Degree: A degree granted by four-year colleges and universities.

BOGG: Board of Governors Grant – a form of financial aid that pays enrollment fees for eligible students.

Cal Grant: California financial aid program available to college-bound students based on high school academic achievement and family financial need.

CAN: California Articulation Number identifies courses that have been articulated as being essentially the same, and assigns a cross reference number that is recognized statewide.

Catalog Rights: The set of general education and other non-major requirements as established in a specific year's catalog. Catalog rights remain in effect as long as a student maintains continuous enrollment. e.g., If you first enrolled at OC in 2000 and are continuously enrolled until now, but the requirements for graduation have changed, you can graduate by completing the requirements that were in effect when you started in 2000.

Certificate of Achievement: A certificate awarded which recognizes a student's satisfactory completion of an organized program of vocational study, including a prescribed number of units in specified areas.

Certificate of Completion: A certificate that may be awarded by an individual instructor to a student for completion of a specific course, or courses, in a specialized area of study and usually in one semester.

Challenge: The process by which a student may meet a specific requirement through successful performance on a comprehensive exam. No units are awarded for challenge, but the requirement is met.

College Work Study Program: A program of federal financial aid which promotes funds for student jobs on campus.

Co-requisite: A course that is required to be taken at the same time or in conjunction with another.

Course Load: The number of units a student is taking in any given term. A full-time student is one who is enrolled in 12 or more course units of credit during a semester.

Course Title: The descriptive name of the course. It gives a general idea of the content of the course.

CRN: Course Reference Number listed in class schedule.

CSU: California State University

Credit: The award granted for completing a course, usually described in semester, term or quarter hours.

Drop: A withdrawal (drop) initiated by either a student, instructor, or administration from an enrolled course.

Elective: Any of a number of courses from which a student is allowed to select. A course not required in the curriculum which the student is following, but which is acceptable for credit.

EOPS: Extended Opportunity Programs & Services. A state-funded program which provides both financial and learning skills assistance to students who may not otherwise have been able to attend college because of cultural, economic, or educational background.

EAC: Educational Assistance Center. Provides services to disabled students.

Faculty Central: Faculty website includes schedule by day/time, summary class rosters, add authorization codes, census/instructor drop posting, list of administrative and student initiated drops, early alert activation, and grade posting. faculty.vcccd.net/webstar

Financial Aid: Money available from the federal and state governments and various community sources to help meet college expenses. Financial Aid possibilities include grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study programs.

Full-time Student: 12 units for a regular semester, 3 units for summer session.

GE: General Education

GPA: Grade Point Average

Grades (evaluative symbols) which are given for course work are assigned numerical values. Your grade point average is the numerical average of the quality of the work done in all your courses for which grades are assigned.

IGETC: Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.

Lab: A study period during which students perform experiments or activities to help them understand and learn the material related to the course.

Lecture: A class meeting whose primary function is the dissemination of information.

Lower Division: Courses at the freshman and sophomore level of college.

Major: An organized program of courses in a specific area of study, leading to a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate degree.

Matriculation: A process which brings a college and a student who enrolls for credit into an agreement for the purpose of realizing the student's educational objective. A student is provided services including admission, orientation, assessment, counseling or advising, enrollment and follow-up to help ensure successful attainment of the stated educational goals.

LRC: Learning Resource Center (Library and learning resources, tutoring)

Maximum Unit Load: A student may enroll for up to 19.5 units in a regular semester.

Open Entry/Open Exit: Courses which are structured so that students may enroll at any time during the semester. Course content is usually self-paced. Open exit indicates that as soon as the student accomplishes the requirements for the course, the course is completed.

Prerequisite: The preliminary requirement that must be met before a certain course can be taken.

Probation: Probation is a warning status placed upon a student who is not performing satisfactorily. The student must improve scholastic achievement during this period.

PACE: Program for Accelerated College Education

PIN: Personal Identification Number. (password)

Quarter: A fourth of an academic year. There are three quarters in an academic year.

Semester: Half of an academic year. A semester is usually 16 to 18 weeks.

Short-term Course: A course that meets for less than the entire time frame for a regular-term course, generally 18 weeks for a Semester.

Student Central: WebSTAR - student website. vcccd.net/webstar.

Telecourse: Instructional television or video viewing courses, with some classroom attendance.

Term: An academic calendar unit; eg; a quarter or semester.

Transcript: An official unabridged and certified list of courses taken by a student in an institution of higher education showing identification of the student, as well as units of credit, and final grades for all courses.

Transfer Credit: Credit accepted from another college for application toward a degree.

Transfer Certification: Designated transfer courses used to meet GE requirements at the universities.

Unit of Credit: A unit of academic credit used as a basis for evaluating the amount of college work accomplished. Generally, one unit is awarded for three hours work per week per term on the part of the student. In most college courses, one unit is awarded for a lecture course that meets for an hour each week, because the average student spends two hours in preparation for a lecture. One unit of credit is normally awarded for a laboratory, field work, drawing, music, practical arts, physical education or other type of course usually does not require the same amount of outside study or preparation.

UC: University of California

Announcement of Courses

Course Identification

A course identification is comprised of the course discipline abbreviation and course number (for example, BUS R001). All course numbers for Oxnard College will have a leading R (for Oxnard) preceding the actual course number. Courses numbered 1 (one) through 9 (nine) will also have two leading zeros preceding the actual number; courses numbered 10 (ten) through 99 (ninety-nine) will have a leading zero preceding the actual number. Sometimes an alphabetic character is appended to the course identification (for example, SPAN R101A).

Courses offered by Oxnard College will allow a wide selection of curricula that meet the requirements for most regular university majors as well as for technical, semi-professional, or occupationally-oriented programs.

To assist students to plan their programs of study, all credit courses offered by Oxnard College are classified into one of the three following categories:

1. Courses applicable toward the baccalaureate degree at universities or senior colleges.
2. Specialized technical, semi-professional, or occupationally-oriented courses applicable to certificate and associate degree programs for which some universities and senior colleges allow subject or elective credit toward the baccalaureate degree.
3. Non-transfer and/or remedial courses not applicable toward either the baccalaureate or associate degrees. After a review of all courses in the college curriculum, the faculty of Oxnard College has certified the following courses to be non-degree college credit only:

ACT—all courses

CD R011

DST—all courses

ENGL R012, R020, R022, All R030-series except R030T, R040, R042, R044, R050, R052, R054, R056, R060, R062, R064, R066, R068, R080

ESL—all courses

LS—all courses

MATH R008, R009, R010, R093

PG R001, R002, R003, R004, R005, R006, R007

SPED—all courses

Definition of a Semester Unit

The semester unit value of the course is shown by a number (or numbers) following the course title. The semester unit is based on three hours of work and study: one lecture hour with two attendant hours of preparation, or three hours of laboratory activity.

Course Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Advisory

A prerequisite represents a set of skills or a body of knowledge that a student must possess prior to enrollment and without which the student is highly unlikely to succeed in the course or program.

A corequisite represents a set of skills or a body of knowledge that a student must acquire through concurrent enrollment in another course and without which the student is highly unlikely to succeed.

Recommended preparation states the preparation suggested by the faculty to complete successfully a particular course. While encouraged to do so, students do not have to satisfy recommended preparation guidelines to enroll in a course.

Course prerequisites, corequisites, and/or recommended preparation are specified within course descriptions announced in this catalog; they are also specified in the schedule of classes. A course has no prerequisite or corequisite unless so designated. Students are expected to have completed the prerequisite course with a satisfactory grade—C or better or CR—and if applicable be enrolled in the corequisite requirement for all courses in which they enroll.

Challenging a Prerequisite or Corequisite

If a student has equivalent past experience or course work and desires to challenge the validity of a prerequisite/corequisite, Education Code permits that process. The petition for the aforementioned challenge is available in the Counseling Office. The challenge process requires a student to show specific grounds for waiving the prerequisite or corequisite. The grounds upon which students may challenge are as follows:

1. The student will be subject to undue delay in attaining the goal of his/her educational plan because the prerequisite or corequisite has not been made reasonably available.
2. The prerequisite or corequisite was established in violation of the regulation or in violation of district-approved processes.
3. The prerequisite or corequisite is unlawfully discriminatory or it is being applied in an unlawfully discriminatory manner.
4. The student has the knowledge or ability to succeed in the course despite not meeting the prerequisite or corequisite.

Challenge forms with supporting documentation must be completed and submitted to the Counseling Office prior to the start of classes. Counselors will act on the challenge and notify the student of their decision prior to the first class meeting.

Credit/No Credit Options

In the following section, which contains all course descriptions, the numbers (1) or (2) will be seen at the end of some descriptions. These numbers indicate that the so-designated courses are graded as follows:

- (1) Courses wherein all students are evaluated on a credit-no credit basis.
- (2) Courses wherein each student may elect by no later than the end of the first 30 percent of the term whether the basis of evaluation is to be credit-no credit or a letter grade.

In all other cases, courses will be graded in conformance with the college's grading policy, outlined elsewhere in this catalog.

Field Trips

Students enrolled in any course in the Oxnard College curriculum may be required to attend extra-educational events, excursions, and/or field trips. Such activities are subject to the district's policy on field trips, Section C.12.f. of the Board Policy Manual, and to the provisions of the California Educational Code and Title 5.

Transferability

Courses that carry a number between R100 and R199 are expected to transfer for baccalaureate credit to four-year institutions. Courses under which the statement "Transfer Credit: UC, CSU" or "CSU" appears have been approved for at least elective credit by those systems. A counselor should be consulted to determine if major or general education requirements may be satisfied with these courses. Courses under which "CAN" appear have been assigned a California Articulation Number. The CAN system provides a cross-reference number or course identification for courses which are acceptable "in lieu of" or are equivalent to specific courses at participating California colleges and universities. These courses will satisfy requirements for identically designated CAN courses at transfer institutions and will satisfy degree requirements at all participating campuses in California. Courses that carry a number between R001 and R099 may be transferable by some colleges and universities but the individual senior institution or a counselor should be consulted to determine the transferability of a specific course. Since most of these latter courses are not ordinarily offered in the university or four-year college, they may not be applicable to the requirements for the Baccalaureate degree.

Offering of Courses as Described in the Catalog

Occasionally there may be course changes concerning prerequisites, contents, hours, or units of credit made after publication of the catalog. Efforts will be made through the class schedules and public media, and at times of registration, to notify students of any changes other than as described in the catalog.

Offering of Courses as Listed in the Schedule of Classes

The college reserves the right to cancel any class scheduled for any term if enrollment is insufficient as determined by the board of trustees.

Course Discipline Abbreviations

Courses listed below are offered as a regular part of established curricula or when demand warrants. The current class schedule should be consulted to determine the availability of specific courses.

In the course number designations, the following subject or departmental title abbreviations are used:

ADS	Addictive Disorders Studies
AFAM	African-American Studies
AC	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
ASL	American Sign Language
ANAT	Anatomy
ANTH	Anthropology
AS	Area Studies
ART	Art
AAS	Asian-American Studies
ACT	Assistive Computer Technology
AST	Astronomy
AB	Automotive Body Repair & Paint

AT	Automotive Technology
BIOL	Biology
BOT	Botany
BUS	Business
CHEM	Chemistry
CHST	Chicano Studies
CD	Child Development
CIS	Computer Information Systems
	Office Automation
	Word Processing
	Information Processing
COT	Cooperative Work Experience
CS	Computer Science
DH	Dental Hygiene
DST	Disability Studies
ECON	Economics
EDU	Education
EMP	Employment Preparation
ENGR	Engineering
ENGT	Engineering Technology
ENGL	English
ESL	English as a Second Language
ET	Environmental Technology
FT	Fire Technology
GEOG	Geography
GEOL	Geology
HED	Health Education
HIST	History
HRM	Hotel & Restaurant Management
	Culinary Arts
	Restaurant Management
	Hotel Management
IDS	Interdisciplinary Studies
INT	Interpretation
JAPN	Japanese
JOUR	Journalism
LDR	Leadership
LS	Learning Skills
LA	Legal Assisting
LIB	Library Instruction
MST	Marine Studies
MATH	Mathematics
MICR	Microbiology
MM	Multimedia
MUS	Music
PG	Personal Growth
PHIL	Philosophy
PHOT	Photography
PE	Physical Education
PHSC	Physical Science
PHYS	Physics
PHSO	Physiology
POLS	Political Science
PSY	Psychology
SOC	Sociology
SPAN	Spanish
SPED	Special Education
SPCH	Speech
TV	Television
THA	Theatre Arts
TRVL	Travel & Tourism

For convenience, the course descriptions in this catalog are arranged alphabetically according to subject grouping.