

Course Prerequisites

Policy Number: 204

Categorized: [Academic Policies](#)

Responsible Office: Chief Academic Officer

Subject: Prerequisite and co-requisites courses

Related Policies:

Procedures: N/A

Additional Information: [College Catalog Course Descriptions](#), [Course Content Summaries](#)

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all credit courses.

2. Policy Statement

Some courses have prerequisite or co-requisite requirements, which are established to foster a student's success in the course. Students may not enroll in a course for which they do not meet the prerequisites by the time the course begins or for which they do not simultaneously enroll in any co-requisite. Students may be administratively dropped from any course for which they have not met the prerequisite.

Only the pathway dean may waive a prerequisite.

If a course has a placement test prerequisite or a course co-requisite, students must obtain the required minimum score or have completed the prescribed co-requisite course or developmental studies courses before enrolling in the desired course.

Visiting students wishing to register for courses that have a college-level prerequisite must provide one of the following:

- a. official or unofficial transcript from the college/university
- b. official notice from the college/university that acknowledges completion of the prerequisite course

Prerequisites and co-requisites are found in the Course Descriptions.

3. Definitions

Co-requisite: A course that a student must enroll in at the same time as enrolling in the desired course.

Prerequisite: A course that a student must pass before enrolling in the more advanced course.

Visiting Student: a student who is enrolled at a regionally accredited university and taking classes at NOVA.

4. Procedures

N/A

5. Authority

VCCS Policy 5.6.5 Waiver of Requirements