

READER'S GUIDE TO THE CATALOG

How to Read CWI Course Descriptions

Every course has a description that consists of the following seven elements:

1. COURSE PREFIX/SUBJECT

The prefix indicates the department or academic unit offering the course. Refer to the [Course Subjects tab](#) for a complete list of course subjects.

2. COURSE NUMBER

The following numbering system is used for all credit courses offered by the College of Western Idaho (CWI):

- **Zero Level (000–099):** Course content is considered below the college-freshman level. These courses may be referred to as developmental or remedial courses and are not applicable for graduation.
- **One Hundred Level (100–199):** Course content taught at the college-freshman level.
- **Two Hundred Level (200–299):** Course content taught at the college-sophomore level.

3. COURSE TITLE

This indicates the official title of the course.

4. CREDITS

For each credit hour granted, students must have successfully met the academic requirements with an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than:

- 12.5 clock hours of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of 25 clock hours of out-of-class student work; or
- At least an equivalent amount of combined in-class and out-of-class clock hours for other academic activities as established by CWI including laboratory work, clinicals, internships, practicum, and other academic work leading to the award of the appropriate number of credits.

CWI courses align with credit hours in the following manner:

Course Type	Credit Hours	Instructional Contact Hours	Out of Class Hours	Total Hours
Lecture	1	12.5	25	37.5
Lab A	1	37.5	0	37.5
Lab B	1	25	12.5	37.5

5. SEMESTER(S) OFFERED

The semester code indicates the semester(s) during which the course is typically offered:

- **Fall:** Usually offered in the fall semester
- **Spring:** Usually offered in the spring semester
- **Fall/Spring:** Usually offered in the fall and spring semesters
- **Fall/Summer:** Usually offered in the fall and summer semesters

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- **Fall/Spring/Summer:** Usually offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters
- **Varies:** Not offered consistently (contact the department offering the course for more information)

6. REQUISITES

The list of requisites specifies any prerequisites and/or corequisites using the following abbreviations:

- **PREREQ:** Prerequisite (must be completed prior to gaining access to another course).
- **COREQ:** Corequisite (must be completed concurrently with another requirement or course).
- **PRE/COREQ:** Pre/Corequisite (must be either completed prior to the course or taken concurrently with the course).
- **PERM/INST:** Permission of the instructor is required to enroll.
- **PERM/CHAIR:** Permission of the department chair is required to enroll.
- **PERM/DEAN:** Permission of the dean required is to enroll.

7. WEEKLY CONTACT HOURS

Each course description is followed by a sequence of three numbers that indicate the number of lecture hours per week that the course meets, the number of lab hours per week that the course meets, and the total number of credits a student earns by completing the course. Please note that variable credit course descriptions display weekly contact hours based on the lowest amount of credits for which the course can be offered.

IMPORTANT: Regardless of how long an individual section of a course runs, the weekly contact hours displayed in the course description are based on a 15-week semester; the 16th week of a semester is for final examinations and is excluded from contact hour calculations.