

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 Description Overview](#) tab for a complete list of course prefixes.

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 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

The College of Western Idaho (CWI) grants credit for college work based on the national standard of the Carnegie Unit. The following table gives the number of hours required per credit per semester:

Course Type	Hours of Class Time	Hours of Homework	Credits
Lecture	15	30	1
Lab A	45	0	1
Lab B	30	15	1

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
- **Spring/Summer:** Usually offered in the spring and summer semesters
- **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.