

READER'S GUIDE TO THE CATALOG

College Organization

The College of Western Idaho's largest academic unit is its [schools](#). Each academic school consists of smaller units called departments that oversee and manage individual programs. The [academic year](#) is divided into two 16-week semesters (fall and spring) and one 8-week semester (summer). Within each of those semesters, CWI offers shorter class sessions of the following lengths: 4 weeks, 5 weeks, and/or 8 weeks. Shorter class sessions are identified within [Student Planning](#) on individual course sections at the time of registration.

Catalog Expiration and Requirements Policies

College of Western Idaho (CWI) issues a new catalog for every academic year. The academic/catalog year begins in the fall, followed by the spring and summer semesters. Students seeking to earn a degree or certificate from CWI are subject to the following catalog policies:

- Students must satisfy program graduation requirements in a single catalog year, as requirements may change from one catalog to the next. All requirements for graduation outlined in the applicable catalog must be met before the degree or certificate is awarded. Students need to follow the catalog in its entirety—they may not elect to follow different catalogs for their college requirements, general education requirements, and major requirements.
- Catalog rights do not exempt students from changes in course prerequisites. Students must follow the prerequisites stated in the course descriptions in the current catalog at the time of registration.
- CWI recognizes only one declared major; however, students may earn two or more degrees and/or certificates simultaneously, providing students complete the catalog requirements for each program.
- Students are evaluated based on the graduation requirements stipulated in the catalog at the time the student matriculates or enters the major.

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this catalog, the College of Western Idaho has the right to make changes at any time without prior notice. This catalog is not a contract between the College of Western Idaho and current or prospective students.

CWI reserves the right to, at any time and without advance notice, withdraw or cancel courses and programs, change course program offerings and prerequisite coursework, change admission and registration requirements, and alter other regulations that could affect matriculated (degree-seeking) students at the time of graduation. Either the College or the program may find it necessary to update requirements for students who have been enrolled at CWI or in a particular program for a period of five years or more. Substitutions for discontinued courses or program requirements may be authorized or required by the proper college authorities.

Please be advised that the “Freedom of Inquiry in Higher Education” law, or [SB1198](#) (2025), takes effect on July 1, 2025, and is codified as Idaho Code § 67-5909D. As a result, this catalog, certain courses, and course requirements are currently under review and may be modified in order to comply with the Law prior to Fall 2025. CWI is

committed to helping individuals navigate their educational journeys and provides [academic advising services](#) to all students.

Glossary Of Academic Terms

Definitions of common terms used throughout the catalog can be found on the [Glossary](#) page.

Catalog Archive

An archive of all past CWI catalogs can be found on the [Past CWI Catalogs](#) page. Please note that all catalogs prior to 2017-2018 are only available as PDF files.