

Information for Course Registration

As you prepare for yourself for your time spent at the University of Regina, there are a few key points that you should know to ensure your greatest success. This package contains important information regarding the following:

- 1) What do the different levels (100, 200, 300, or 400) of classes mean?**
- 2) What is a pre-requisite, and how do I determine if I have it?**
- 3) What are the differences between my level of study at home and at the U of R?**

Please ensure that you read each section very carefully, as this will help you to better understand how your exchange process will work, and should eliminate some of the questions you may have.

1) What do the different levels (100, 200, 300, or 400) of classes mean?

Here at the University of Regina, students participate in an undergraduate degree that generally takes them four years of study. In this way, you may think of each level as corresponding with a certain year in a student's program. However, to be more specific, the different levels of classes also indicate how in-depth the course will be, and the amount of work that is required. For example, a class that is a 100-level course is an introductory course. This class will be a foundation class, meaning that it will *introduce* you to subject material for the first time in a university setting. Generally in introductory classes the amount of assignments is quite low, and you will be assessed through midterm exams and a final exam, although this is subject to change depending on the professor. Compare this with a 400-level course where you will be expected to have an extremely in-depth knowledge of a specific subject area, and in addition to several tests and a final exam, you will complete several assignments throughout the semester, term papers, and group projects.

2) What is a pre-requisite, and how do I know if I have it?

A pre-requisite is a class that provides a foundation, or background, that will prepare you to take a higher level course. If you refer back to previous question, you know that a 100-level course is an introductory or background course, and a 400-level class is a very in-depth course on a specific topic. You cannot learn to swim by first jumping into the middle of the ocean, and our classes are the same way—you must gradually learn all of the background for higher levels courses so that you have your best chance of succeeding. You can tell if you have a pre-requisite by looking at the classes from your home university that are on your transcript. If, for example, you want to take a class that focuses on Advertisement Marketing, you need to make sure that you have taken classes that provide a background in business, advertising, and marketing.

To summarize, pre-requisite classes are classes that provide the necessary background information for another, higher-level class you want to take. You can tell if you have a pre-requisite by examining the classes you have previously taken in university that are related to the courses you wish to take.

3) What are the differences between my level of study at home and at the U of R?

It is important to note that not every university functions in the exact same way. For example, you may be in your third year of studies at your home university, but may only be taking classes at the 200-level (roughly second year study level) while here at the University of Regina. The reason that these differences can occur is because it all depends on the courses that you have taken at your home university, and if they provide a good enough background for the classes you wish to take here. A student will be put in lower year classes than what they are at their home university because their academic advisor has determined them to not have a complete enough background for the classes they are requesting.

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