Courses

Course Numbering System

All courses are designated by four-digit numbers following a two- or
three-letter abbreviation of the subject of the course. The first digit
indicates the level of the course. Courses beginning with “0” are
developmental education courses and may not be counted toward a
degree. Courses beginning with “1” or “2” are lower-division (freshman
and sophomore level). Courses beginning with “3” or “4” are upper-
division (junior and senior level). Courses beginning with a “5” or higher
are graduate-level courses.

The second and third digits in the course numbers are used within the
colleges by each department to distinguish individual courses. The fourth
digit indicates the semester-credit-hour value of each course.

The number of lecture and laboratory contact hours per week are
provided in parentheses in the course description sections of the
UTSA Undergraduate Catalog (http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate)
and Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.utsa.edu/graduate) immediately
following the course number and title. For example, (3-0) indicates three
hours of lecture and zero hours of laboratory per week.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites are stated for many courses listed in the UTSA Graduate
Catalog (http://catalog.utsa.edu/graduate). Prerequisites advise
students of the background expected of all students in the course.
It is the student’s responsibility to be sure that all prerequisites are
met before enrolling in any course. When a student has not met the
specific prerequisites listed, he or she may, under special conditions,
obtain permission to register from the instructor of the course. Some
colleges may also require the permission of the Department Chair and
the Associate Dean. Students who do not meet prerequisites for a course
and do not have the appropriate permissions to register may be dropped
from the course.

Extended Education Courses

The Office of Extended Education develops and presents seminars,
online courses, conferences, and programs for the general public,
professionals, governmental agencies, and businesses. It also provides
specialized training to businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit
organizations needing customized programs for their employees. These
courses are not offered for academic credit. For information, contact the
Office of Extended Education (http://utsa.edu/ee).

Distance Learning Courses

UTSA participates in the UT Online Consortium (UTOC). Degree-seeking
graduate students taking courses through this system, that are not
hosted by UTSA, must still meet all UTSA residence requirements. For
more information see UT Online Consortium (http://catalog.utsa.edu/
informationbulletin/academicresources/utoc) in Academic Resources of
this bulletin or visit the UTOC website (http://www.utcoursesonline.org).

Independent Study Courses

No more than six hours of independent study courses or directed
research, regardless of discipline, will apply toward a degree.