

PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES, AND ADVISORIES

Mt. SAC faculty have established prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories for courses. If a student does not meet the prerequisite or corequisite requirements, the student will be blocked from enrolling in those courses. Transcripts and grade report cards from other colleges used to determine whether prerequisite or corequisites have been met must be evaluated prior to registration.

Prerequisite

Prerequisites to a course are those courses which must have been taken previously as preparation for the course. To enroll in a class that has a prerequisite, the required preparation must have been completed prior to enrolling in the course. In some instances, English and Math prerequisites may be met by attaining eligibility through assessment. All course prerequisites listed must be completed with a grade of "C" or better, unless otherwise stated.

Corequisite

To enroll in a course that has a corequisite, the corequisite course must be taken concurrently. In some instances, a corequisite may have been taken previously.

Advisory

An advisory to a course is preparation which is highly recommended by faculty teaching the course. Although students may enroll in a course if they do not possess the advisory skills, they are encouraged to abide by an advisory whenever possible.

Challenging Prerequisites and Corequisites

In accordance with Title 5 Section 55003(p) and (q), Student Challenge of Prerequisites or Corequisites, students may challenge a prerequisite or corequisite for a course. A prerequisite or corequisite cannot be "waived," but students have the ability to demonstrate that they meet the prerequisite or corequisite on the following criteria, and course eligibility may be granted. The challenge must be based on at least one of the following specific grounds:

- The College will accept prerequisite or corequisite courses from accredited colleges and universities in the United States. (The student will meet with the appropriate department chair)
- A student demonstrates that the student has the knowledge or ability equivalent to the prerequisite or corequisite for the course in question, but has not formally met the established prerequisite or corequisite. (The student will meet with the appropriate department chair)
- The prerequisite or corequisite course has not been made reasonably available, and waiting until the prerequisite or corequisite is offered will create an undue delay in meeting educational goals. (The student will contact the Assessment office)
- The prerequisite or corequisite is being applied in a discriminatory manner. (The student will contact the Assessment office)
- The prerequisite violates the provisions of the State Education Code. (The student will contact the Assessment office)