

Course Requisites: Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and Advisories

Complete course prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories are listed in the course descriptions and are intended to ensure students a reasonable chance of success. For more information please contact the Counseling Office.

A *prerequisite* is a course or courses, skills, or a body of knowledge that students should possess prior to enrolling in a course or program. Prerequisites indicate the Cerro Coso Community College course(s) that must be taken prior to enrollment in a given course or program. Prerequisite requirements must be met before enrollment is permitted. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

A *co-requisite* is a course or courses students are required to take simultaneously in order to enroll in another course. Co-requisites represent skills or a body of knowledge that students must acquire through concurrent and continued enrollment in another course or courses in order to receive a grade of “C” or better in the course requiring the co-requisite. An *advisory* is a condition of enrollment which students are advised, but not required, to meet before or concurrently with enrollment in a course or educational program. An advisory suggests skills, or a body of knowledge with which students would achieve a greater depth or breadth of knowledge or skill development, but without which students are still likely to receive a satisfactory grade. A student may challenge any prerequisite or co-requisite on one or more of the following grounds:

1. The prerequisite or co-requisite has not been established according to the district’s process of establishing prerequisites and co-requisites;
2. The prerequisite or co-requisite violates Title V, Article 2.5, Section 55201 (Policies for Prerequisites);
3. The prerequisite or co-requisite is either unlawfully discriminatory or is being applied in an unlawfully discriminatory manner;
4. The student has the knowledge or ability to succeed in the course or program despite not meeting the stated prerequisite or co-requisite; 5. The student will be subject to undue delay in attaining the goal stated in the student’s educational plan because the prerequisite or co-requisite course has not been made reasonably available.

The determination of whether a student meets a prerequisite or co-requisite shall be made prior to the student’s enrollment in the course. The student is responsible and bears the burden for showing that grounds exist for the challenge. The challenge must be made in writing, to the Director of Student and Counseling Services, prior to the student’s enrollment in the challenged course. The Director of Student and Counseling Services, in collaboration with the appropriate faculty shall resolve challenges within five (5) school days of the receipt of the challenge. If space is available in a course when a student files a challenge, the college shall reserve a seat for the student if the challenge is ultimately upheld. If no space is available in the course when a challenge is filed, and the challenge is upheld, the student shall be permitted to enroll if space is available, when the student registers for the subsequent term. Prerequisite challenge forms are available in the Counseling Office for students seeking to challenge a course prerequisite and online at:

<http://www.cerrocoso.edu/student-services/admissions/requisitechallenge.htm>.