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Glossary



Course Numbers

A numeric code signifying the anticipated academic level and the credit hour value of a course. At SHSU, course numbers consist of four digits. The first digit in the sequence indicates the course level and suggests the academic year in which the course is typically taken. Lower-level undergraduate courses have a “1” or “2” in the first digit; upper-level undergraduate courses have a “3” or “4” in the first digit; and graduate courses have a “5” or higher in the first digit. The second digit in the sequence indicates the number of semester credit hours.

Course Prefix

Abbreviation identifying the academic discipline of a course (e.g., ACCT signifies Accounting, CRIJ signifies Criminal Justice, and BIOL signifies Biology).

Course Reference Number (CRN)

A unique six-digit number used to identify a specific course offering within a given term. The CRN is used to select courses when registering.

Credit by Examination

An award of academic credit and placement based on examination scores.