

# COURSES

## Credit for Coursework

The regular college year is divided into three quarters of approximately 11 weeks each. One credit is generally allowed for each discussion or laboratory period per week. The discussion period consists of 50 minutes of lecture or discussion; the laboratory period may consist of two or more clock hours.

Summer session usually include terms of eight weeks, with class periods proportionately extended.

For each period of lecture or discussion, students are expected to spend at least two hours on outside preparation (studying).

An average course load of 15 credits of college-level coursework per quarter will normally give a student sufficient hours of credit to graduate in two years. Courses should be chosen according to an organized curriculum.

Students may take more than 18 hours per quarter with advisor approval. Advisors may allow an overload through myLakerLink or signing a registration form located at the Student First Stop Center (<https://www.socc.edu/firststop>).

## Course Numbering System

**COURSES NUMBERED 0100-0499** (not section numbers) do not carry grades or credit. Tuition is charged per clock hour.

**COURSES NUMBERED 0500-1999** may be graded (letter grade) or ungraded (pass/fail) or audit only. These courses may be credit or noncredit. Courses numbered 0500-1999 may not be applied toward a Southwestern degree or certificate unless stated in specific AAS curriculums.

**COURSES NUMBERED 2000-9999**, without a career technical alpha prefix (see list below) and that carry credit, may be used only as an elective for an AAS or certificate (excluding those listed as Developmental Education courses).

**COURSES NUMBERED 2000-9999** may be graded or ungraded and may carry credit applicable to a Southwestern career technical degree or certificate. Career technical certificate/degree programs provide up to two years of specialized education designed to prepare the student for career-entry.

**COURSES NUMBERED 100-299** are acceptable for a Southwestern degree or certificate and may or may not be eligible for transfer to four-year institutions. However, students should be aware the course or courses may be accepted as elective credit only or not at all if the credits do not fit in the student's major discipline or major. Transfer acceptability is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Career technical courses (CTE) courses identified by the following course alpha prefixes *may* not transfer to a four-year institution. Specific transfer articulation agreements may exist. The interested student should consult with the appropriate staff at the four-year institution. Up to 12 credits of CTE courses numbered 100 and above may be used as elective credit toward the AA/OT degree.

The following departments are known to have career technical education courses at Southwestern Oregon Community College:

Code	Description
AC	Accounting
AH	Allied Health
CIS	Computer Information Systems
CJ	Criminal Justice
CLA	Clinical Laboratory Assistant
CRT	Culinary Arts
DEN	Dental
DRFT	Drafting
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ED	Education
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
FS	Fire Science
HDFS	Human Development and Family Studies
HIM	Health Information Management
MFG	Machine Manufacturing Technology
MLT	Medical Laboratory Technology
MT	Machine Tool Technology
NUR/NRS	Nursing
OA	Office Administration
PHAR	Pharmacy Technician
WLD	Welding

## Developmental Education Courses

The following are all Developmental Education (DEV) courses and, although they may be required by placement scores, do not fulfill any Southwestern degree or certificate requirements. Developmental Education courses build appropriate skills enabling students to be successful in college-level courses:

Code	Title	Credits
All CE/CEU/PDU prefix courses		
MTH20	Basic Mathematics	4
MTH60	Algebra I <sup>1</sup>	4
MTH65	Algebra II <sup>1</sup>	4
MTH95	Intermediate Algebra	4
MTH98	Math Literacy	4
RD80	Reading Skills I	3
RD90	Reading Skills II	3
WR80	Sentence Fundamentals	3
WR90	Paragraph Fundamentals	3
WR90R	Academic Literacy	4

<sup>1</sup> Notice: MTH60 Algebra I and MTH65 Algebra II were revised for the 2014-15 academic year. MTH60 Algebra I and MTH65 Algebra II credits received prior to 2014-15 follow a differing course description and are not academically equivalent.

## Course Number Change

In the event a course number has been changed from a career technical number to a college-level number, the college-level number will appear on the permanent record only for those who took the class after the change was approved.