Course Policy Guide

University of Wyoming

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Course Deadlines AY 2024-2025

	Course Change Deadlines	
06/01/2023-	Course Action Proposals (CAPs) last day to submit for AY 2024-2025 is	
11/01/2023	11/01/2023	

- 1. Deadline to create, modify, or delete a course in Curriculog for AY 2024-2025: 11/01/2023
- 2. Deadline to create, modify, or delete information in the 2024-2025 Acalog Catalog: 02/01/2024
- 3. Deadline to finalize the fall 2024 course schedule (this is academic scheduling): 02/21/2024
- 4. Academic Schedule available to view in WyoWeb: 03/01/2024
- 5. Acalog AY 2024-2025 catalog available to view online: 03/01/2024

Creating Courses at UWYO

Courses at the University of Wyoming are governed by Academic Affairs, the Office of the Registrar, and the University Course Review Committee.

The University of Wyoming utilizes Curriculog, an online course approval software system for course creation, course modification, and course deletion.

Course Approvals and Subsequent Population of UW Data Systems:

Course Action Proposals are submitted and reviewed in Curriculog => Once approved, course data is transferred to the Acalog Catalog => Data is transferred to Banner SIS => Data is transferred to Academic Scheduling => Data is transferred to WyoWeb.

University Course Review Committee (UCRC)

Per UW Regulation 2-302 (Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees), the University Course Review Committee (UCRC) is a standing committee of Faculty Senate charged with monitoring the entire course review process. Each college selects its own representative along with an alternate. All course additions, modifications, and deletions must be approved by UCRC. For additional information see the Course Approval Process Standard Administrative Policy & Procedure (SAPP). https://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies/_files/docs/policies/course-approvalprocess-sap-approved1-26-23.pdf

Curriculog Software

Curriculog is an electronic academic program and course approval system for creating, modifying, deleting individual courses. Faculty and staff involved in departmental, college, and university-level review may view the progress of their proposals from start to finish.

Workflow

Curriculog software works by creating an electronic form that moves through a workflow, or a series of approvals. For each course form, there is a specific set of predetermined approvals.

Originator => College CAP Check => Office of the Registrar Check => (after approval by Department Curriculum Committee and verifying appropriate resources exist) => Department Head/Approver => College Curriculum Committee => USP (if applicable) => University Course Review Committee => Registrar => System Administrator

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Workflow Defined:

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	information for a CAP into Curriculog.	
College CAP Check:	Verifies all requested information submitted,	
	along with appropriate syllabi submissions.	
Office of the Registrar Check:	Verifies all requested data is correct, along	
	with appropriate syllabi submissions.	
Department Head/Approver:	Person responsible for determining if a	
	course change or addition fits into UWYO	
	curriculum, verifies that the data and syllabi	
	are correct. Verifies that the Department	
	Curriculum Committee approves and	
	appropriate resources exist.	
College Curriculum Committee:		
University Studies Program:	Ensures a course meets the requirements for	
	a COM1, COM2, COM3, FYS, or PN.	
University Course Review Committee:	Seeks to minimize unnecessary duplication of	
,	course content, ensure that sufficient	
	resources exist to offer the proposed changes	
	to the curriculum, and evaluate the academic	
	merit of the proposal on the basis of	
	standards appropriate to the relevant	
	discipline for courses at all levels.	
Registrar:	Ensures UWYO academic policy is being	
	upheld and applied to course decisions.	
System Administrator:		
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	are upheld.	
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Guidelines for Submitting Course Action Proposal (CAP)

A proposal submitted in Curriculog is called a Course Action Proposal (CAP).

1. Please make sure to gather the correct syllabi for your CAP.

New Course: New Syllabus *Note: Must follow UW syllabus guidelines. See page 7 below or https://www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs/academic-personnel/syllabus-requirements/index.html

Course Modification: Old Syllabus and New Syllabus*Note: Must follow UW syllabus guidelines. See page 6 below or https://www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs/academic-personnel/syllabus-requirements/index.html

Course Discontinue: No Syllabus

2. Please make sure the syllabi follow all the syllabus requirements outlined by Academic Affairs and UCRC. (Course Syllabus Template pg. 6 and Syllabus Guidelines by UCRC pg. 13)

3. Once you have everything correct with the necessary syllabi, please email Jennifer Waluta at jwaluta@uwyo.edu.

4. Please include the course syllabi in your initial email, along with the courses you are changing.

5. Make sure to include information on any cross-listings (department/department) or duallistings (4xxx-5xxx).

6. Attach the USP or D&G attribute application form (if applicable, please see attribute explanations below).

7. After the initial email with the correct attachments, that person will then be directed to either create the CAP in Curriculog, or they will defer to the college chosen Curriculog Originators.

USP 2015 Code

USP 2015 attributes need a proposal in Curriculog for the initial application of an attribute.

Renewals of attributes do NOT need a proposal in Curriculog.

The signatures are not need on the USP application form.

A&S G and D Attributes

All new A&S G and D attributes must attach the appropriate application form in Curriculog.

The A&S D and G attributes are determined by the College of Arts and Sciences, but the attributes can be requested from any college.

Course Syllabus Template

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING {COURSE PREFIX, NUMBER} {TITLE, CREDIT HOURS} {LOCATION OF MEETINGS IF ON CAMPUS; METHOD OF DELIVERY OTHERWISE} {SEMESTER OR SESSION} {MEETING TIMES AND DATES, START AND END DATE}

Instructor contact information: Your building and room number, phone contact, and email, along with any other contact information you wish to share.

Office hours and/or open door policy: For site-based in-person courses, the instructor's office hours or open-door availability; for online courses, the instructor's response time and availability for virtual office hours. Faculty are expected to have a minimum of three (3) hours spread over two (2) days of the week of out-of-class availability to students each week.

*If you do not know the office hours while creating a course, please copy/paste the Office hours/and or open door policy into the syllabi in place of the office hours.

Course prerequisites, co-requisites, enrollment restrictions: List any courses required to be taken concurrently or prior to the course, and any restrictions such as major or class standing. These are also listed in the course catalog and set by your department.

Course Description: Purpose, content, and goals. Must be 50 characters in length or less.

Student Learning Outcomes: NOTE: Student learning outcomes in different sections of the same course should not differ significantly. The learning outcomes related to University Studies Program objectives should be included, if applicable.

Required texts, readings, and special tools or materials:

General requirements and expectations for the course: Attendance policy, late work policy, and other expectations for performance

Required examinations, assignments, activities, and projects.

(If any) Required Participation Outside of Class Meetings: List your expectations for participation outside of normal class meeting times, including field trips, service learning, and other activities or expectations, including time commitments

Final Examination or Final Project Date: Set by the Office of the Registrar. You may wish to list your policy for students who are unable to attend the final time, if any.

Grading Scale and Grading Policies: Include your methods of evaluation, how those methods factor into the final grade, the scale used to determine final grades, and how late assignments will be handled.

Attendance and Absence policies. For in-person courses, state the class absence policies, as well as University policies on excused absences as outlined in <u>UW Regulation 2-108 (Student Attendance Policy</u>). For online courses, state the class participation policies, what constitutes participation and how that will be evaluated.

Classroom Behavior Policy: Include a statement of policies to foster a positive learning environment (civility and respectful discussion, for example), including use of cell phones, mobile devices, etc.

Example: "At all times, treat your presence in the classroom and your enrollment in this course as you would a job. Act professionally, arrive on time, pay attention, complete your work in a timely and professional manner, and treat all deadlines seriously. You will be respectful towards you classmates and instructor. Spirited debate and disagreement are to be expected in any classroom and all views will be heard fully, but at all times we will behave civilly and with respect towards one another. Personal attacks, offensive language, name-calling, and dismissive gestures are not warranted in a learning atmosphere. As the instructor, I have the right to dismiss you from the classroom, study sessions, electronic forums, and other areas where disruptive behavior occurs."

Example: "Electronic devices such as mobile phones should be (INSTRUCTOR CHOICE: left at home, set to silent, turned off). Laptops (INSTRUCTOR CHOICE: are, are not) allowed for note-taking purposes; those who require laptops for accommodation of disabilities, work with Disability Support Services and me to accommodate your needs. No unauthorized video or audio recording during class is allowed to protect the privacy of your fellow students; for those who require recording for accommodation of disabilities, work with Disability Support Services and me to accommodate your needs."

Classroom Statement on Diversity: "The University of Wyoming values an educational environment that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. The diversity that students and faculty bring to class, including age, country of origin, culture, disability, economic class, ethnicity, gender identity, immigration status, linguistic, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, worldview, and other social and cultural diversity is valued, respected, and considered a resource for learning. "

Disability Support: Insert a statement referring to <u>reasonable accommodations provided by</u> <u>University Disability Support Services</u>.

Example: "The University of Wyoming is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. If you have a disability, including but not limited to physical, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities, and would like to request accommodations in this course due to your disability, please register with and provide documentation of your disability as soon as possible to Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 128 Knight Hall. You may also contact DSS at (307) 766-3073 or udss@uwyo.edu. It is in the student's best interest to request accommodations within the first week of classes, understanding that accommodations are not retroactive. Visit the DSS website for more information at: www.uwyo.edu/udss"

Academic Dishonesty Policies: Include a statement or a reference to UW Regulation 2-114 (Procedures and Authorized University Actions in Cases of Student Academic Dishonesty).

Example: "Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this class. Cases of academic dishonesty will be treated in accordance with UW Regulation 2-114. The penalties for academic dishonesty can include, at my discretion, an "F" on an exam, an "F" on the class component exercise, and/or an "F" in the entire course. Academic dishonesty means anything that represents someone else's ideas as your own without attribution. It is intellectual theft – stealing - and includes (but is not limited to) unapproved assistance on examinations, plagiarism (use of any amount of another person's writings, blog posts, publications, and other materials without attributing that material to that person with citations), or fabrication of referenced information. Facilitation of another person's academic dishonesty is also considered academic dishonesty and will be treated identically."

Duty to Report: Statement referring to your duty to report status as instructional personnel under Title IX.

Example: SHORT VERSION

UW faculty are committed to supporting students and upholding the University's nondiscrimination policy. Under Title IX, discrimination based upon sex and gender is prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex- or gender-based discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty member, understand that as a "Responsible Employee" of the University, the faculty member MUST report information you share about the incident to the university's Title IX Coordinator (you may choose whether you or anyone involved is identified by name). If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or confidentiality, there are people who can meet with you. Faculty can help direct you or you may find info about UW policy and resources at http://www.uwyo.edu/reportit

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NOTE: Importantly, you CAN disclose your experience privately and confidentially without a formal report being made by disclosing to a licensed mental health professional (e.g., the University Counseling Center – 307-766-2187 or Psychology Center – 307-766-2149), SAFE Project – 307-745-3556, or the University Student Health Center – 307-766-2130. These entities can help you get assistance and support whether or not you elect to make a formal report about sexual violence, assault or discrimination. SAFE Project can provide off-campus support and they also have an advocate on campus (<u>campus@safeproject.org</u>).

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Daily or weekly schedule of topics, activities, and graded work: You may include a schedule with the syllabus, or distribute it separately on WyoCourses or other electronic means.

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AI Technology: We recommend that faculty include a section focused on permitted/unpermitted AI technology use in each of their syllabi, generally in the location of their Student Academic Dishonesty statement. Additionally, it is important that faculty clearly communicate their expectations of course collaboration policies (with other students) in this same area. We offer the following language as draft material (adapted from University of Delaware) that instructors may want to consider. Additional samples, specific to individual disciplines/contexts, are available here:

 $https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RMVwzjc1o0Mi8Blw_-JUTcXv02b2WRH86vw7mi16W3U/edit$

Option 1: Use prohibited Students are not permitted to use advanced automated artificial intelligence or machine learning tools on assignments in this course. Each student is expected to complete each assignment without substantive assistance from others, including automated tools.

Option 2: Use only with prior permission Students are permitted to use advanced automated artificial intelligence or machine learning tools on assignments in this course if instructor permission is obtained in advance. Unless given permission to use those tools, each student is expected to complete each assignment without substantive assistance from others, including automated tools.

Option 3: Use only with acknowledgement Students are permitted to use advanced automated artificial intelligence or machine learning tools on assignments in this course if that use is properly documented and credited. For example, text generated using ChatGPT-3 should include a citation such as: "Chat-GPT-

3. (YYYY, Month DD of query). "Text of your query." Generated using OpenAI. https://chat.openai.com/" Material generated using other tools should follow a similar citation convention.

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COUNSELING CENTER: uccstaff@uwyo.edu, 766-2187, 766-8989 (After hours), 341 Knight Hall, www.uwyo.edu/ucc

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: 766-4286, 312 Old Main, www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE: dos@uwyo.edu, 766-3296, 128 Knight Hall, www.uwyo.edu/dos

UW POLICE DEPARTMENT: uwpd@uwyo.edu, 766-5179, 1426 E Flint St, www.uwyo.edu/uwpd

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT WEBSITE: www.uwyo.edu/dos/conduct

Syllabus Guidelines by the University Course Review Committee (UCRC)

Dual-Listed and Cross-Listed Courses

For <u>Dual-listed courses</u>, UCRC asks that you **provide for each course pair (e.g., AAST 4065/AAST 5065) a single syllabus that will serve both "classes," explicitly stating the dual listing.**

For example, the syllabus for AAST 4065 should be written for AAST 4065/AAST 5065 and must **show the requirements/expectations/assignments (etc.) for both undergraduate and graduate students.**

Moreover, each syllabus must specify the differing expectations/assignments, etc. for undergraduates and graduate students (and, importantly, should demonstrate that graduate students engage in additional assignments and rigor than undergraduates (e.g. approximately 20% more work than undergraduates).

Example: ZOO 4195/ZOO 5195

Graduate students enrolled in the course (ZOO 5195) will additionally develop an NSF-style 5-page grant proposal incorporating concepts and techniques from the lab into a new set of questions for their study system. After an initial meeting with the instructor to discuss guidelines (also provided on Wyocourses), graduate students will submit a 1 page summary with 3 possible ideas for the proposal prior to Spring

break. Students will work with the instructor to select 1 idea to develop into the full proposal, due the last week of classes. This grant proposal will count for 20% of a graduate student's grade, with weekly lab reports counting for 30%.

For <u>Cross-listed courses</u>, UCRC asks that you write the cross-listing on the syllabi.

Topics Course

If a course is a **Topics: course**, please include a template syllabus that includes information about learning objectives and other known information as applicable.

Guidelines for Prerequisites for courses over the 3000 level

If a **course is at or above the 3000-level**, is it highly encouraged by the University Course Review Committee that the course includes at least one prerequisite.

Pre-requisites are required by University Regulation 2-100, but not necessarily specific classes (red highlighted H.b.2), 3), and 4) below). Specific class pre-requisites (yellow highlighted H.b.1) below) are the norm, however. Related verbiage is pasted below.

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G. Lower division classes are those designed primarily for freshmen and sophomores and designated by numbers between 1000-1999 and 2000-2999. A lower division class surveys the discipline to introduce broad basic concepts, skills, and techniques. 2000-level classes may have prerequisite classes or require prerequisite knowledge that would be equivalent to that learned in a prerequisite class as determined by a placement exam or other means.

H. Upper division classes are those designed primarily for juniors and seniors and are designated by numbers between 3000-3999 and 4000-4999. Upper division classes are characterized by the following criteria.

1. The class must:

a. Build upon concepts, techniques and skills learned in lower division classes by presenting advanced concepts, requiring well developed analytical skills,

or encouraging the abilities to synthesize and create; and

b. Require significant prerequisites such as:

1) substantial general introduction in the discipline or related areas, as

evidenced by specific collegiate classes as prerequisites; or

2) a general educational background at the collegiate level, as evidenced by multiple prerequisites;

3) acceptance into or advanced standing in a recognized professional program; or

4) appropriate progress in program.

2. 4000-level classes should contain specific content at a level to prepare students

for either graduate study or entering the work force. Class content at the 4000level should normally have a relatively deep and narrow focus. Since some 4000-level classes can be utilized for graduate credit, these classes should generally be restricted to either seniors or graduate students.

Reserved Course Numbers

In accordance with the Wyoming Common Course Numbering System, Wyoming colleges shall use the numbers below to identify specific course categories.

Academic Transfer Course Numbers: 1000 - 1499 for freshman courses and 2000 - 2499 for sophomore courses 3000 - 3499 for junior level courses 4000 - 4499 for senior level courses Career-Technical Education Course Numbers: 1500 - 1999 for freshman courses and 2500 - 2999 for sophomore courses			
Developmental Course Numbe Course Type	Academic Transfer	CTE	
Capstone Courses	1395, 2395	1895, 2895	
Field Studies	1460, 2460	1960, 2960	
Directed Studies/ Research Problems	1465, 2465	1965, 2965	
Internship/Practicum	1470, 2470	1970, 2970	
Independent Studies	1475, 2475	1975, 2975	
Cooperative Work Experience	1480, 2480	1980, 2980	
Seminar	1485, 2485	1985, 2985	

*Please contact the Office of the Registrar before choosing new numbers or new prefixes.

Common Course Numbering System (CCNS)

The Wyoming Common Course Numbering System (CCNS) was developed in cooperation with the Community Colleges and the University of Wyoming to develop and maintain a common transfer process system that uses common course numbering for all undergraduate courses provided at the Community Colleges and the University of Wyoming.

The development and ongoing maintenance of the statewide course numbering system, including determining course equivalencies, shall be accomplished with the assistance of appropriate committees that shall include faculty members and staff of the community colleges and the University of Wyoming.

70% Rule Explained

Course content and principles need to be at least 70% similar to be considered an equivalent course. These courses are considered an equivalent.

University of Wyoming Example

ZOO 2450-Fish and Wildlife Management in the Anthropocene-Credits 4

Course Examines fundamental principles in management of natural resources, especially fish and wildlife populations. Students explore historical to contemporary context of management, population biology, management tools and their application, career opportunities, with specific emphasis on human dimensions, law, and policy. Students will develop oral and written communication skills.

Cross Listed: ENR 2450

Prerequisite: LIFE 1010, LIFE 2022, and COM1

Northern Wyoming Community College District Example

ZOO 2450 Principles of Fish and Wildlife Management (3 credits)

This course provides an introduction to wildlife values, wildlife communities and habitats, population management, predator control, natural diversity, and issues related to exotic species introductions. The course emphasizes principles of habitat, population biology and management, human dimensions of wildlife management, and law and policy. The biological basis for management is emphasized, and contemporary issues are discussed as they relate to specific aspects of management.

Prerequisites BIOL 1010 General Biology I *and* one of the following: BIOL 2020 General Biology II or BIOL 2022 Animal Biology.

Definitions for Courses:

Academic Transfer Course (also known as General Elective and/or Transfer Course)- Is typically a community college credit course with a 1000-1499, 2000-2499, 3000-3499, 4000-4499 number, that transfers to a four-year, baccalaureate degree granting institution. These courses are not usually classified as an occupational or developmental education courses.

Articulated Course: A course that has been discussed through articulation that has been determined to transfer from at least one college to another for credit.

Articulation – The meeting, communication, and collaboration among the Wyoming community colleges and the University of Wyoming to facilitate student transfer between and among the institutions

Career Technical Education (CTE) Course – Is typically a community college credit course with 1500-1999 and 2500-2999 numbers, that does not transfer to a four-year, baccalaureate degree granting institution.

Common Course - Community college credit courses numbered 010-999, 1000-1999 or 2000-2999 that are offered by least two Wyoming Community Colleges or are numbered 1000-1499 or 2000-2499 are offered by UW and at least one Wyoming community college.

Course Coordinator – The person at each community college and UW who is the contact for the Wyoming common course numbering system.

Course Designation - The identification of a course as either an academic transfer course or CTE course

Developmental Education/Remedial Courses – Courses numbered 010-999 are offered to prepare students with skills needed to successfully complete college level courses. These courses normally are not degree or certificate requirements nor do they transfer.

Equivalent Course – A common course, offered for credit, that is approved by a UW department head by the CCNSC as having at least 70 percent similar content and outcomes to a course offered at another college and fulfills the same requirements as a UW course. An equivalent course may also be a course approved by a UW department head as having similar content and fulfilling the same requirements as a UW course. Faculty are often consulted to determine equivalency. Career and technical education courses transferred between Wyoming Community Colleges will be evaluated by the receiving institution's Registrar for equivalency.

General Elective and Transfer Course – A 1000-1499 and 2000-2499 credit course which is generally accepted for transfer to a four year, baccalaureate degree granting institution. These courses are not usually classified as an occupational or developmental education courses.