

The faculty in the discipline or, if the college has no faculty member in the discipline, the faculty in the department are responsible for approving courses and establishing their associated prerequisites/corequisites as separate actions. The approval of a prerequisite or corequisite must be based on the determination that it is an appropriate and rational measure of a student's readiness to enter a course or program.

Determinations about prerequisites and corequisites shall be made only on a course-by-course or program-by-program basis, including those establishing communication and computational skill requirements (per Title 5 section 55003(a) and (j), respectively).

By August 1 of each year, MiraCosta College will report to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office the prerequisites and corequisites that were established during the prior academic year. The report will specify the level of scrutiny used to determine whether the prerequisite or corequisite was necessary and appropriate for achieving the purpose for which it was established (per Title 5 section 55003(i)).

Courses for which prerequisites or corequisites are established will be taught by a qualified instructor and in accordance with the course outline, particularly those aspects of the course outline that are the basis for justifying the establishment of the prerequisite or corequisite (per Title 5 section 55003(b)(2) and (3)).

Prerequisites and corequisites may be established only for any of the following purposes (per Title 5 section 55003(d)):

- A. The prerequisite or corequisite is expressly required or expressly authorized by statute or regulation.
- B. The prerequisite will assure that a student has the skills, concepts, and/or information that is presupposed in terms of the course or program for which it is being established, such that a student who has not met the prerequisite is highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade in the course (or at least one course within the program) for which the prerequisite is being established.
- C. The corequisite course will assure that a student acquires the necessary skills, concepts, and/or information, such that a student who has not enrolled in the corequisite is highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade in the course or program for which the corequisite is being established.
- D. The prerequisite or corequisite is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or the health and safety of others.

### **Levels of Scrutiny**

## **Exemptions from Scrutiny**

A prerequisite or corequisite shall be exempt from scrutiny if it satisfies any of the following criteria (per Title 5 section 55003(e)):

- A. It is required by statute or regulation.
- B. It is part of a closely related lecture-laboratory course pairing within a discipline.
- C. It is required by four-year institutions.
- D.

success in the course is dependent upon communication or computation skills, in which case the course shall require as prerequisites or corequisites eligibility for enrollment in associate degree credit courses in English and/or mathematics, respectively (per Title 5 section

- D. The student has the knowledge or ability to succeed in the course or program despite not meeting the prerequisite or corequisite.
- E. The student will be subject to undue delay in attaining the goal of their educational plan because the prerequisite or corequisite course has not been made reasonably available.

\*In the case of a challenge that the prerequisite or corequisite is either unlawfully discriminatory or is being applied in an unlawfully discriminatory manner (see C above), the district shall promptly advise the student that they may file a formal complaint of unlawful discrimination pursuant to Title 5, subchapter 5 (commencing with section 59300) of chapter 10 of the division. If the student elects to proceed with the challenge, completion of the challenge procedure shall be deemed to constitute an informal complaint pursuant to Title 5 section 59327.