



Policy Title
Course Prerequisites Policy

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I. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to inform Southern University Law Center (SULC) faculty and students of the policy for identifying prerequisite courses and what a student must do to take a course with prerequisites.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to faculty, staff, and students.

III. Policy Compliance

Failure of a student to obtain a sufficient grade in a prerequisite course will result in the student's not being able to immediately take any other course for which that course is a prerequisite.

IV. Policy Definitions

- A. A prerequisite course is a course that one must successfully complete prior to enrolling in a course for which it is a prerequisite.
- B. Successfully completing a prerequisite course means earning a grade of D+ or higher in a required course. A grade of D or D- in a required course will also be considered a passing

grade if the student had a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher in the semester immediately preceding the semester in which the student earned the D or D- grade. The term semester, as used in this definition, includes the fall semester, spring semester, and summer session.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure

This policy was developed to ensure that students are aware that certain courses require a student to evidence a sufficient level of knowledge prior to taking the course. Such knowledge is evidenced by successfully completing other courses. These courses are referred to herein as prerequisite courses.

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

- A. The faculty identifies a course or courses that must be successfully completed prior to taking other courses. These courses are referred to as prerequisite courses.
- B. A list of prerequisite courses are listed in the SULC Catalog.
- C. A student must successfully complete a prerequisite course prior to enrolling in a course for which it is a prerequisite.
- D. A waiver of this policy shall not be granted unless extraordinary circumstances exist. A student's desire to take a course and its prerequisite in the same semester in order to graduate in that semester, standing alone, does not constitute an extraordinary circumstance under this policy.

VII. Policy History and Review


This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. The policy was reviewed, revised, and placed in the uniform policy format on June 21, 2021. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the SULC website at <https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc-policies>.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by the faculty on June 21, 2021.



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Date