About Courses

Prerequisites

Prerequisites promote student readiness and success in individual courses, and/or in degree and certificate programs. Prerequisites generally represent the minimum level of competency in the basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics. Prerequisites also exist within a course sequence. For example, Psychology 100 is a prerequisite for an advanced course in psychology.

Prerequisites are stated in this way: (Name of course) with a grade of C or better or equivalent. The “or equivalent” refers to either an established test score on the applicable placement test, an equivalent course taken at another campus or, in some cases, the equivalent non-credit course offered at Leeward Community College (CC). Some prerequisite statements may include “or consent of instructor.” This applies to instances when a student may have met the prerequisite through means other than course work. For example, a student may meet a prerequisite for a music class by having taken private lessons outside of college. In this case, the instructor’s consent allows the student to enroll in the course.

Students will not be allowed to take a course for which they have not met the prerequisites. Students who preregister for a course but fail to meet the prerequisites prior to the beginning of the course will be required to drop the course or may be administratively disenrolled. As applicable, tuition refunds may be requested.

Individual course prerequisites are stated in the respective course descriptions in the Catalog. For program prerequisites, see the degrees and certificates section of the Catalog.

Assessment Notification

With the goal of continuing to improve the quality of educational services offered to students, Leeward CC conducts assessments of student achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes. Student work is used anonymously as the basis of these assessments, and the work students do in Leeward courses may be used in these assessment efforts.