ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Courses numbered 100 and 200 are intended primarily for first-year students and sophomores; courses numbered 100 are entry level. Courses numbered 300 and 400 are intended primarily for juniors and seniors. Unless otherwise stated, courses listed carry one unit of credit, equivalent to 4.0 semester hours.

Courses are offered either every term, every year, or in alternate years. To determine specific course offerings and their class meeting times, students should consult the schedule of courses for the current academic year.

In addition to specific traditional courses identified under departmental headings, any department may offer Special Topics courses (260 and 360), Independent Study courses (471), and Directed Study courses (307, 1/2 unit; 370, one unit). Special Topics courses allow departments to supplement their offerings with additional upper-level courses on an experimental basis prior to their inclusion in the regular curriculum. Independent Study courses provide students the opportunity to do research in depth and to prepare a formal paper on a topic of the student’s choice. Directed Study courses may be designed by a faculty member and a student around a specific body of material. (For more details, see the section of this catalog titled Individualized Study Programs.) Departments may also offer, with the permission of the Dean of Academic Affairs, Practicum courses (057, 1/4 unit), in which qualified students use their knowledge in paraprofessional types of experiences.