

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

100% In-Person

Classes will meet on campus at the day/time and room specified for the class. 100% in-person classes will be identified in SchedulePlus by a physical room location.

A.A.

A.A. stands for "Associate in Arts" and can be earned at community colleges.

A.S.

A.S. stands for "Associate in Science" and can be earned at community colleges.

AD-T

AD-T stands for "Associate Degree for Transfer" and can be earned at community colleges.

Academic Probation

All colleges require students to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) to remain in school. Any student not maintaining satisfactory progress toward his/her educational objectives will be placed on probation for a semester.

Alumni

Graduates or former student of the college.

B.A.

B.A. stands for "Bachelor of Arts" and can be earned at a four-year institution.

Bookstore

All colleges have bookstores. It will generally stock all the books and other materials required in all the courses offered at the institution as well as providing basic sundries and clothing items.

B.S.

B.S. stands for "Bachelor of Science" and can be earned at a four-year institution.

Certificate

A short-term training program.

Class Number

A number that is used to distinguish between multiple classes of the same course. This number is used to register for the course.

Common Course Number (CCN)

A statewide system that standardizes course numbers, titles, and descriptions for equivalent courses across California Community Colleges to support student transfer and credit portability.

Commuter

A commuter is a student who lives off-campus and drives to class, or commutes.

Co-Requisite

A course you must take concurrently with another course.

Credit Hours

Credit is given for attending one lecture hour of class each week

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

College credit awarded for validated knowledge and skills gained through work experience, military service, industry certifications, examinations, apprenticeships, or other learning outside of traditional college coursework.

Credit by Examination (CRX or CREX)

A Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) method through which college credit awarded to a student who demonstrates proficiency in a subject by successfully completing an approved examination rather than taking the course through traditional instruction.

Degrees

Academic titles conferred by universities and colleges as an indication of the completion of a course of study, or as an honorary recognition of achievement.

Elective

Courses students can take for credit toward their degree, but are not needed for General Education or major requirements.

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The almost universal application for financial aid, including loans, grants, college work-study and other federal and state programs. It is often required before a student can be considered for scholarships also.

Full-Time Student

A student enrolled in 12 or more units in one semester.

General Education

A group of courses required to earn a degree; provides a broadly based education.

Hybrid (*Lecture-Only, Separate Lecture/Lab Components*)

Hybrid classes are identified in SchedulePlus by a specified day/time and a physical room location; hybrid classes include a Comment that indicates that a portion of the instruction will be delivered online and students should contact instructor for details about the class meeting pattern. For hybrid classes with separate components for lecture and lab, the online component will be identified in SchedulePlus as either REMOTE or ONLINE; a specified day/time and a physical room location will be identified for the in-person component.

Hybrid (*Online/In-person*)

Classes include a combination of online instruction and in-person meetings. Only half of the students enrolled in the class will be permitted to attend in-person for any given class meeting, so the instructor will divide students into two groups and provide information about which dates each group is expected to attend class in-person throughout the semester. As class capacity is limited, students on the waitlist should not come to campus to try to add classes. Instead, students should mail the instructor on Day 1 or 2.

Hyflex

Hyflex is a course delivery method that allows for student flexibility. Students may choose to attend live in-person or remote classes at specific times; or they can participate online at their own pace. Students are required to participate in the class in one of these three options.

Learning and Career Pathways

Broad clusters of related majors that are groups together based on similarities across educational and career interests. They were designed to help students narrow down their interests early in their academic careers and decide on a major. All of the degree and certificate programs

offered at Cerritos College have been grouped into one of these LCPs to help students stay on track with their educational journey.

Major

A concentration of courses in a specific educational area leading to a degree.

Modality

The method or format through which instruction and student learning occur in a course or program. At Cerritos College, modalities include formats such as Online (asynchronous), Live Remote/Online (synchronous), Hybrid, Online with Required Activities, HyFlex, and In-Person, each differing in how students interact with instructors, course content, and required meetings.

Online (*Asynchronous Online*)

Students can log on any day/time they are available to complete coursework by the established deadlines. They will need to log on for the first time before the first drop deadline for the class to avoid being dropped. In SchedulePlus, the room location is identified as ONLINE for asynchronous online classes.

Part-Time Student

A student enrolled in less than 12 units in one semester.

Pre-requisite

A course that must be taken prior to enrollment in another course.

Remote (*Synchronous Online*)

Students must log on at the day/time specified for the class. In SchedulePlus, the room location is identified as REMOTE for synchronous online classes.

Student Education Plan

A roadmap that you and your counselor co-create together outlining the courses you need each semester to reach your educational goal of a certificate, associate's degree, or transfer.

Syllabus

An outline of the course that you will be taking that provides important information such as exam dates, due dates for homework, assignments, policies, and expectations.

Transfer

The movement from one college or university to another. This can be transfer from another college/university to Cerritos College or from Cerritos College to the 4-year College/University. If you are transferring into Cerritos College you will work with the Counseling Office for course advisement. If you are transferring out of Cerritos College you will work with the Transfer Center.

Transfer Credit

Courses numbered 100 or above that meet CSU or UC requirements.

Units

Credit is given for attending one lecture hour of class each week.

Waitlist

A student is placed on the waitlist for the course when the class has reached the maximum capacity. The student should still attend the first day of the course, but it will be up to the professor to determine if the student is added.