



OVERVIEW: There are rules that govern credit for a course listed in more than one department (different discipline codes).

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RULES ABOUT CROSS-LISTED COURSES

A cross-listed course is one that is offered under more than one departmental designation. This means that the course has two different discipline codes, but the same course number. For example, AAS 235, *Introduction to Afro-American Literature*, is the same course as ENL 235. When a course has a cross-listing, the phrase “cross-listed with...” appears in the catalog course description. This information is not provided in the course schedule that is printed each semester, however, so it is important to check the catalog or speak with an instructor for this information. Don’t get confused between cross-listed courses and equivalent courses. Equivalent courses aren’t identical courses; they’re simply considered equal for the purposes of meeting some College or departmental requirements. Here are some general rules that apply to cross-listed (but not equivalent) courses:

- A. Students can’t take a course for credit if it has already been taken in its cross-listed version. Students can repeat a course to improve the grade, in which case we advise retaking it with the same exact course listing. Remember that students only get credit for the most recent taking of any course.
- B. If a student takes two courses that subsequently become cross-listed, s/he retains credit for them both, on the grounds that students aren’t expected to predict the future.
- C. Be careful when registering for cross-listed courses. If a student mistakenly takes a course twice under two different cross-listings, s/he still only gets credit for it once.