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Some of the courses listed in this catalog will not necessarily be offered during the course of an academic year. Additional courses may be added to the curriculum and scheduled when appropriate. An updated list of courses is available in the office of the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. Gavilan College reserves the right to discontinue, postpone, or reorganize courses when circumstances warrant such changes. Further, it reserves the right to cancel classes which do not reach a minimum enrollment.

Course Numbering System

Courses numbered from 1 to 99 are recommended for transfer to all campuses of the California State University and the University of California systems. Students transferring to a campus in the University of California system should review the course-by-course articulation agreement available in the office of the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services or from all counselors and advisors.

1-99 Baccalaureate level courses which will receive transfer credit at most four-year colleges and universities.

100-199 Transferrable to four-year schools in certain areas. Students transferring to a university should study the catalog of the campus to which they wish to transfer. Students should consult with a counselor.

200-299 Associate degree applicable. Non-transferrable credit courses.

300-399 Developmental credit courses for students with disabilities and/or other specific populations, not restricted by standard limits on repeatability.

400-499 Developmental credit courses for students with disabilities and/or other specific populations.

500-599 Developmental credit courses for students with disabilities and/or other specific populations, not restricted by standard limits on repeatability.

600-699 Non-credit courses (including training and developmental courses for disabled students and/or other specific populations).

700-799 Non-credit courses for remedial, developmental, occupational and general education opportunities.

A major mission of Gavilan College is assisting in the transfer function. As a result, Gavilan College belongs to a consortium of colleges developing a common set of course numbers known as California Articulation Numbering (CAN). CAN numbers, where available, are found above the course description under “transferable”. See pages 47-50 for a complete list of CAN numbers.

Special Courses

The following transferrable courses* are designed for individual study under faculty supervision. They may be offered in the class schedule under each discipline in the college curriculum that is transferrable to the baccalaureate level.

Interested students must have sufficient background in the discipline, from previously completed course work or equivalent experience, to enable them to meet their specific objectives in their individual contracts.

A specific contract for each course must be developed by the student, and approved by a faculty supervisor, department chair and appropriate dean. To register, the contract must be completed and filed with the Admissions and Records Office at the time of registration.

Contract forms are available in the Admissions and Records Office. These courses are also called “Independent Studies”, Special Studies”, “Special Topics”, “Internships”, etc. Credit for variable topics courses is given only after a review of the scope and content of the course by the receiving institution. This usually occurs after transfer and may require recommendations from faculty.

NOTE: Transfer institutions (i.e., UC/CSU) reserve the right to deny credit for special courses. See a counselor for details.

Course Number 22*, 122 - Field Work and Service (0.5 or 1 unit)
Supervised field work within the college and/or local agencies. Students serve in useful group activities in leadership roles prescribed for them by the faculty supervisor, and when appropriate, community agencies. A maximum of six units may be earned. These courses do not transfer to UC. They may transfer to CSU. Check with a counselor.

Course Number 23*, 123* - Independent Study (1 or 2 units)
Designed to afford students specialized opportunities to continue study in a discipline at the independent study level. Working with faculty supervision, the studies may involve extensive library work, research, laboratory work or special projects. A maximum of six units may be earned.

These courses are also called “Independent Studies”, Special Studies”, “Special Topics”, “Internships”, etc. Credit for variable topics courses numbered 23 is given only after a review of the scope and content of the course by the enrolling UC campus. This usually occurs after transfer and may require recommendations from faculty. These courses have the option of a letter grade or credit/no credit.

Course Number 98, 198** - Special Topics (.05 to 3 units)
Special topics courses examine current problems or issues of interest to students within a specific discipline area. For topical content information, consult with the appropriate department chairperson. For transfer status, check with a counselor. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

** These courses may transfer to UC or CSU. Check with a counselor.