Committee on Educational Policy
Policy on Antirequisites

Definition: If a student who has completed course A is, as a result, excluded from enrolling in course B, then course A is an "antirequisite" to course B. In contrast to a prerequisite, which *must* be completed before a course is taken, an antirequisite for a course *cannot* be completed before the course is taken. This is also in contrast to equivalent courses, where course A is determined to be the same as course B for repeat and grade improvement, and a student passing course A or course B would not be able to enroll in either course A or course B.

The Committee on Courses of Instruction (CCI) may approve requests from a course sponsoring unit to establish antirequisites for their courses. These will generally be for one of two reasons:

- The department or program has a sequence of courses, in which a student does not have to start at the beginning of the sequence (e.g. sequences of language courses); the subsequent courses may be antirequisites to the previous ones.
- When a department or program has several courses that satisfy the same curricular function, e.g. a set of elective courses from which each student in their major has to take one, and the courses are typically oversubscribed. These antirequisites may need to be reflected in a new program statement and may need consultation with CEP.

The request should be submitted as a standard course revision request; departments may consult with the Office of the Registrar to analyze if antirequisites may help with oversubscribed enrollment. CCI will consult with CEP if needed, i.e. if a department or program's request requires looking broadly at their curriculum. Antirequisites will be implemented from 2020-21.

Antirequisites can be overridden by permission code. If a student is issued such a permission code, the grade in the course will count towards the student's GPA and the course will earn graduation credit in the same manner as any other course.

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy, October 9, 2019.