

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

This section contains descriptions of all credit courses offered at St. Louis Community College as well as other off-campus locations during the academic year. The courses listed herein are current as of March 2016. For descriptions of courses approved after this date, consult the website at <https://www.stlcc.edu/programs-academics/>.

Not all of the courses listed in this section are offered every semester. Information on where and when these courses are available may be found in each semester's course schedule available online at [stlcc.edu/schedule](http://stlcc.edu/schedule) (<http://stlcc.edu/schedule>). Contact the Enrollment Services office for more information.

## Reading Proficiency Prerequisite

Many of the courses in this catalog include a prerequisite of "Reading Proficiency." This means that before a student can enroll in one of these courses, he or she must demonstrate the ability to read at the college level. This ability will give the student a much better chance to pass the course, since many courses require a certain amount of reading, whether it be a textbook, journal articles or reports from many sources.

The student can meet the Reading Proficiency prerequisite by scoring at least 82 on the Compass reading placement test, given as part of the admission process. Students who present an ACT reading score of at least 18 or an SAT verbal score of at least 500 meet the prerequisite. Students with a college reading course with a grade of at least "C" or who have earned a college degree (associate or baccalaureate) also meet the prerequisite. In addition, transfer students who present evidence of a grade of at least "C" in a three-hour college course numbered 100 or higher will be considered to have met the prerequisite. This applies also to students with dual credit courses taken in high school.

Students who do not meet this prerequisite in any of these ways must enroll for RDG 030. A grade of "C" or higher in this course meets the Reading Proficiency requirement. Students who are not native speakers of English can meet this prerequisite with at least a "C" in ENG 070.

## Course Levels

The course numbering system uses an abbreviation to identify subject matter area and a three-digit number to identify course level. Course levels are defined as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
001-079	Developmental courses	
080-099	Special problems developmental credit courses	
100-199	Beginning level credit courses	
200-299	Advanced level credit courses	
500-599	Special problems credit courses	
600-699	Special problems credit courses	
700-799	Non-credit continuing education courses	

## Example

DA 144 PRECLINICAL PRACTICE

DA indicates the subject area of Dental Assisting. The number 144 indicates that the course is on the beginning level.

## Course Hours

Unless otherwise noted in the course description, the credit hours shown represent the number of lecture hours per week over a 16-week semester that the student will spend in class for a given course.

## Key to Abbreviations

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACC	Accounting	
ANT	Anthropology	
ARA	Arabic	
ARC	Architectural Technology	
ART/AT	Art	
AUT	Automotive Technology	
AVI	Aviation Technology	
BAP	Baking and Pastry Arts	
BHS	Behavioral Health Support	
BIO	Biology	
BE	Biomedical Engineering Technology	
BIC	Building Inspection Technology	
BUS	Business Administration	
BLW	Business Law	
CHM	Chemistry	
CFD	Child and Family Development	
CHI	Chinese	
CE	Civil Engineering Technology	
CLT	Clinical Lab Technology	
COL	College Orientation	
COM	Communications	
CRJ	Criminal Justice	
CUL	Culinary Arts	
DCS	Deaf Communication Studies	
DA	Dental Assisting	
DHY	Dental Hygiene	
DMS	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	
DIE	Diesel Technology	
DIT	Dietetic Technology	
ECE	Early Care and Education	
ECO	Economics	
EDU	Education	
EE	Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology	
EMT	Emergency Medical Technology	
EGR	Engineering Graphics	
ESC	Engineering Science	
ENG	English	
FIN	Finance	
FIR	Fire Protection Technology	
FRE	French	
FD	Funeral Directing	
FSE	Funeral Services Education	
GE	General Engineering	
GEG	Geography	
GEN	General Education	
GEO	Geology	
GER	German	
GLE	Global Education	
HIT	Health Information Technology	

HMS	Human Services
HST	History
HRT	Horticulture
HTM	Hospitality and Tourism
HUM	Humanities
IRT	Information Reporting Technology
IS	Information Systems
IT	Information Technology
IDS	Interdisciplinary Studies
IB	International Business
ITL	Italian
JPN	Japanese
LGL	Legal Studies
LIB	Library and Information Studies
MGT	Management
MKT	Marketing
MCM	Mass Communications
MTH	Mathematics
ME	Mechanical Engineering Technology
MUS	Music
NUR	Nursing
OTA	Occupational Therapy Assistant
PAR	Paramedic Technology
PRD	Personal Development
PHL	Philosophy
PE/PED	Physical Education
PSI	Physical Science
PTA	Physical Therapist Assistant
PHY	Physics
PSC	Political Science
PSY	Psychology
QC	Quality Control
XRT	Radiologic Technology
RDG	Reading
RC	Respiratory Care
RTH	Respiratory Therapy
RUS	Russian
SKT	Skilled Trades
STR	Smart Start
SOC	Sociology
SPA	Spanish
ST	Surgical Technology
THT	Theatre
WMS	Women's Studies