



Prerequisites at LCC

What is a prerequisite?

LCC courses require prerequisites that student must have *on their LCC academic record* in order to be able to register. These prerequisites are determined not by the Waiver Team but by the professors in their various [academic programs](#) who have decided what type of preparation is necessary for students to be successful in their classes.

These prerequisites are listed underneath each course title in the schedule book or [online](#). They may be a combination of Reading, Writing, or Math Levels, and they also may include a different course or courses which must be taken first. Of course, if a class's prerequisite is listed as "None," then any student may register.

It is important to be aware of the prerequisites for your intended courses, because if you do not have the necessary prerequisite *on your LCC academic record*, then you will not be able to register.

Why are LCC's prerequisites different from those at my school?

Students learn best - and classes work best - when students are appropriately prepared. LCC's prerequisites are determined by its professors, and sometimes such prerequisites indeed may be different from those at another school.

Some schools, for example, only need a student to have taken Intermediate Algebra before Statistics; LCC, however, requires College Algebra. Some schools have only reading, writing, and math prerequisites for their Human Anatomy classes; LCC, however, also requires one of a number of specific science classes to have been taken first. There are many such differences.

The posted prerequisites - whether placement levels or classes or both - are what the experts in each academic field have decided are necessary for students to have a reasonable chance at being successful in a particular course. If you need more information, check directly with the [academic programs](#).



Do I need to meet prerequisites even if I'm a guest student?

Yes.

What is the difference between placement levels and a prerequisite override?

Placement levels allow you to register for any class that requires those levels, while a prerequisite override only allows you to register for *a specific class in a specific semester*.