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CourseLeaf CIM Guidelines – Course Proposals

This document is designed to provide succinct information on how to navigate the CourseLeaf CIM platform and create different types of proposals. As such, this document will not focus on every aspect of the governance process at Virginia Tech.

The following guidelines have been divided into six different sections. The first sections provide screenshots and overviews of the different CourseLeaf CIM screens associated with course proposals. Those references are followed by specialized instructions based on whether you are proposing a new course or revisions to an existing course, and if the course fulfills pathways or not. Additionally, you can find a number of templates and special instructions in the appendices for Topics, Conjoint, Sequenced, and Series courses.

For more information on the various university, state, and federal policies that dictate the governance process please consult university policies and governance resources listed below as well as the Academic Governance team at academicgov@vt.edu.

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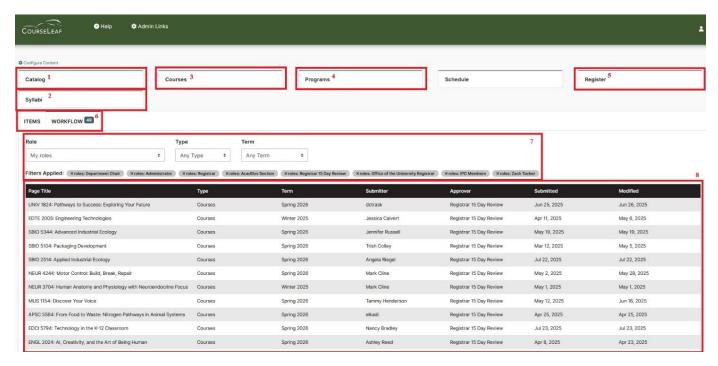
- Cross-list Support Letter Template
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- Instructional Credit Hour and Instructional Contact Minutes Calculator
- Scorecard Metrics Definitions

Policies

- University Policy No. 6355 Course Prerequisites
- University Policy No. 6365 Approvals for Special Courses and Independent Studies
- University Policy No. 6900 Course Numbering and Approvals
- University Policy No. 6901 <u>Definition of a Credit Hour</u>
- University Policy Memorandum No. 141 Governance-Level Approval of Course Proposals
- University Policy Memorandum No. 145 Graduate Course Modifications
- University President Policy Memorandum No. 273 <u>Policy on Untaught Courses in Undergraduate Course Catalog and the Curriculum for Liberal Education</u>
- University Policy Memorandum No. 232 <u>Deletion of Untaught Classes from the</u> <u>Graduate School Catalog</u>

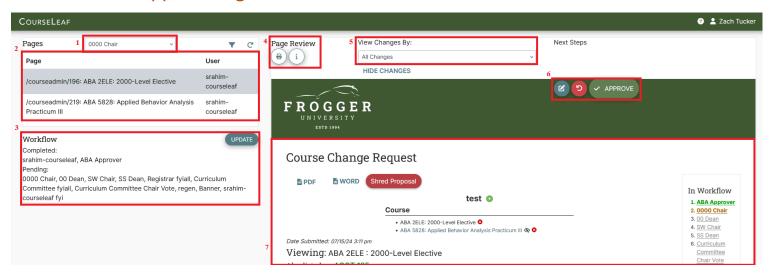
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CourseLeaf CIM 10 – Dashboard



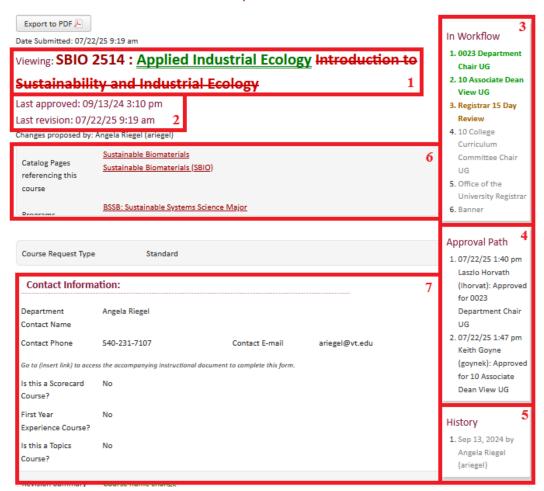
- **1.** Catalog Card Clicking this button will take you to the most recently published Academic Catalog.
- 2. Syllabi Card Clicking this button will take you to the Course Catalog.
- 3. Courses Card Clicking this button will take you to Course Inventory Management (CIM).
- 4. Programs Card Clicking this button will take you to Program Management.
- **5. Register Card** Clicking this button will take you to the most recently published Academic Catalog.
- 6. Items/Workflow Tabs Selecting the "ITEMS" tab will display all proposals authored by the current user. Results can be filtered by New, In Progress, Pending, Done, Undergraduate, and Graduate proposals.
 - The "WORKFLOW" tab shows all proposals currently associated with the roles the current user is assigned to. Results can be filtered by specific roles, proposal type, and effective term of the proposal.
- 7. **Filters** The page will automatically apply filters that displays all proposals associated with the current user's roles. These can be further adjusted to display certain proposals.
- **8. Proposal Results** Displays proposals that are currently in Workflow and fit the filters as selected above.

CourseLeaf CIM 10 – Approve Pages



- 1. **Role Dropdown** Use this dropdown to select one of your roles. Any proposals that are in workflow and awaiting review by that role will appear in the list below the dropdown.
- 2. List of all proposals currently awaiting review by the role selected from the Role Dropdown.
- 3. **Workflow** This window shows what steps of workflow the currently selected proposal has completed and what roles are still waiting to review the proposal.
- **4. Print and Information-at-a-Glance Buttons** The printer icon allows users to print the currently selected proposal, and the Information-at-a-Glance button will generate a pop-up window showing the currently selected proposal's Title, Author, Workflow Step, College, and Department.
- 5. View Changes By Dropdown Use this dropdown to select different users that have made edits to the currently proposed version of this course. The proposal will show the course as it was during that user's edits with their revisions specifically highlighted.
- 6. **Proposal Edit, Rollback, and Approve Buttons** These buttons allow users to edit, approve, or roll a proposal back to a previous role in the workflow.
- 7. **Proposal Window** This area will display the currently selected course proposal

CourseLeaf CIM 10 - Course Proposal



- 1. Course Title The top of the proposal will show the currently proposed title and course number. Please note in this example the redline/green markup indicating pending revisions made to the title.
- 2. Last Approved and Last Revision Dates Directly under the course title will be two dates depending on whether or not this proposal has completed governance prior. The Last Revision date indicates when a course was last edited. The Last Approved date is when the proposal most recently completed governance workflow.
- 3. In Workflow Box This box will appear on proposals that are in workflow. The green-colored text indicates roles that have already approved the current proposal. Orange-colored text is the role currently reviewing the proposal.
- **4. Approval Path Box** The approval path shows dates, time, and users that approved the proposals and what workflow role they approved the proposal as.
- **5. History** This field keeps a record of ever previously approved governance action taken on a course. Clicking on the date in this box will open the historical proposal for that governance action.
- **6. Ecosystem Box** This box shows every catalog page, program, and course that uses the current course in some way (prerequisites, curriculums, etc.)
- 7. Course Proposal This is where the proposal begins in earnest.

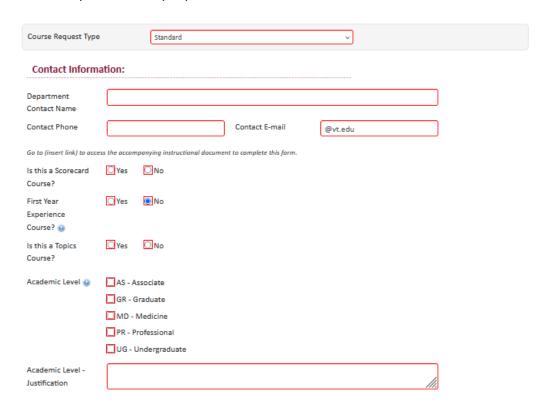
Propose New Course - Standard

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If you are proposing a brand-new course, changing the course number of an existing course (coupled with discontinuing the original course number).

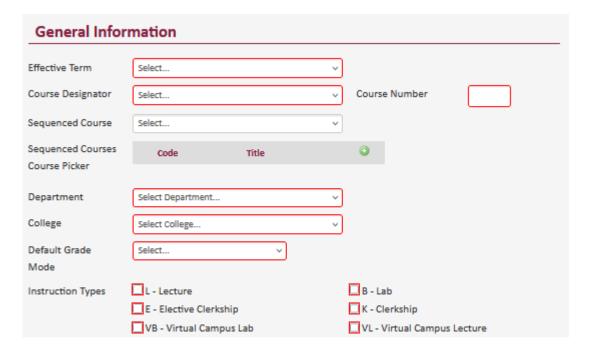
1. From the Course Inventory Management (CIM) screen in CourseLeaf CIM, click the "Propose New Course" button.

This will open a blank proposal form in a new window.



- 2. Select "Standard" from the dropdown labeled "Course Request Type"
- 3. Fill out the Contact Information name, phone, and email fields.
- 4. Select Yes or No for the following questions: Is this a Scorecard Course?; First Year Experience Course?; and Is this a Topics Course?
 - a. If you are proposing a Scorecard Course, select the applicable Scorecard Metrics and compose a justification for the selected metrics. Consult the <u>Scorecard Metric Interpretive Guidance attachment</u> while composing the justification.
 - b. If proposing a First Year Experience (FYE) course, then attach an approval letter from the FYE Director.

- c. If proposing a Topics Course, consult the <u>special requirements</u> while completing your proposal.
- 5. Select the Academic Level for the course based on the course number you will be proposing. Keep in mind that 4XXX- and 5XXX level courses should be marked as both UG and GR.
 - a. Associate Level (AS)
 - i. 0XXX 1XXX
 - b. Undergraduate (UG)
 - i. 1XXX 3XXX
 - c. Undergraduate and Graduate (UG and GR)
 - i. 4XXX 5XXX
 - d. Graduate (GR)
 - i. 6XXX 9XXX
- 6. Compose a paragraph in the Academic Level Justification section that justifies and/or explains why this course is requested to be taught at the selected academic level. The paragraph should answer what students need to bring to the course to succeed and what will the student take from the course and apply toward the successful completion of their area of study?
 - a. Begin paragraph with the statement, "Course is taught at the X000-level because..."



- 7. General Information Effective Term
 - a. Select the term you want to start offering your new course.

- b. Keep in mind that Academic Governance uses submission deadlines for Fall and Spring course proposals.
- 8. General Information Course Designator and Course Number
 - a. Select the designator you will be using for your proposed course's course number.
 - b. After you have selected the designator, the department and college fields of the proposal are automatically populated.
 - c. A "Course Numbers in Use" will also appear next to the Course number field when you have selected the designator. Use this tool to find available numbers for use under that designator.
 - d. When you have identified the course number you want to use and it abides by University Policy No. 6900, add it to the Course Number field.
- 9. General Information Sequenced Course
 - a. Consult the table located <u>here</u> to identify what code to use.
 - b. If proposing a sequence or series of courses, then identify those other courses using the Sequenced Courses Course picker.
 - c. Please note that Series and Connected courses have content and formatting requirements that can be found in the Attachments of these guidelines.
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- 10. General Information Department and College
 - a. These values are automatically populated based on what Course Designator was chosen in step 8.
- 11. General Information Default Grade Mode
 - a. Select from the following options: A-F, Credit Hours only, Pass/Fail, or VTCSOM.
- 12. General Information Instruction Types
 - a. Select the format that will be used for your proposed course.

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 - b. The undergraduate course proposal must be approved through University Academic Governance before the graduate proposal can be approved.
 - c. For more information on Conjoint Courses, see Attachment C.
 - d. If you are not proposing a conjoint course, then ignore this part of the proposal.
- 15. General Information Long Title and Course Transcript (ADP) Title
 - a. The Long title has a maximum of 72 characters.
 - b. The ADP title has a maximum of 30 characters.
 - c. If the Long title is shorter than 30 characters, then the ADP title should be identical.
- 16. General information Repeatable and Credit Hours

- a. If your proposed course is repeatable then click "Yes" and new required fields identifying the Maximum Number of Completions and Repeat Max Credit Hours will appear.
- b. Identify the number of credits that your proposed course is worth in the Credit Hours field.
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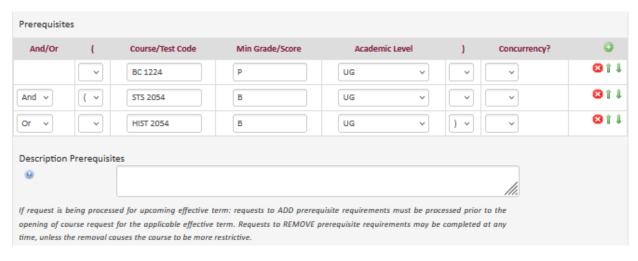


Figure 1. In this example, students need to "pass" BC 1224 and receive a "B" grade in STS 2054 or HIST 2054 before they enroll in the proposed course. The proposal author needs to also include a <u>Support Letter</u> for any courses housed outside of their department as well as data justifying the "B" minimum grade requirement.

17. General Information – Prerequisites and Description Prerequisites

- a. Using the prerequisite tool, add courses that students are required to complete before enrolling in your proposed course.
 - i. If you need another line to add multiple prerequisite courses, then click the green + sign in the top right corner of the tool.
- b. The Min Grade/Score field is where you identify the grade students must receive in the prerequisite course.
 - i. If students only need to pass the course, then please enter a "P" in this field.
 - ii. Any minimum grade requirements above a passing grade require attaching data/information to the proposal that shows the minimum grade is required to successfully complete the proposed course.
- c. Virginia Tech does not use the Concurrency field at this time so that option should be left blank.

d. The Description Prerequisites field is for prerequisites that cannot be enforced by Banner. For example, "Senior Standing" or "Previous experience with laboratory equipment."

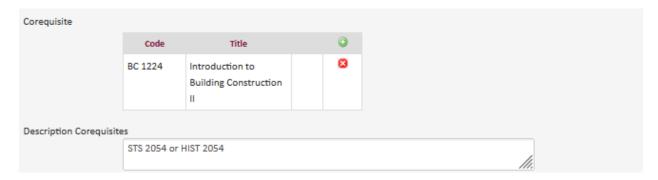


Figure 2. In this example, students need to take BC 1224 and either STS 2054 or HIST 2054 during the same semester as the proposed course to enroll.

- 18. General Information Corequisites and Description Corequisites
 - a. Similar to the prerequisite fields, adding a course to the corequisite field will prevent students from enrolling in the proposed course unless they are also enrolled in the courses listed during the same semester.
 - b. The Description Corequisite field is reserved for any corequisite requirements that have multiple options to choose from/use "or" logic.

Pre/Corequisite Enforcement

Banner is unable to enforce Description Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Description Corequisites. The requirements expressed in those fields will appear in the course's catalog description, but students will not be automatically stopped from registering for the course if they don't meet Description Pre/Corequisite requirements. Departments are the enforcement authority for Description Pre/Corequisites.

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	Provide a brief description of the course content that aligns with the Learnin
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	continuity between content, outcomes and topics covered by the course.
b.	If the course may be repeated for credit. In addition to checking "Repeatable
	"Yes" on this proposal form, include the statement "May be repeated
	times with different content for a maximum of credit hours." at the end
	of the catalog description.
	Example to illustrate a repeatable 3-credit course: "May be repeated 2 times
	with different content for a maximum of 9 credit hours."
C.	If there is content duplication between the revised course and another
	currently approved course, and students may not receive credit for
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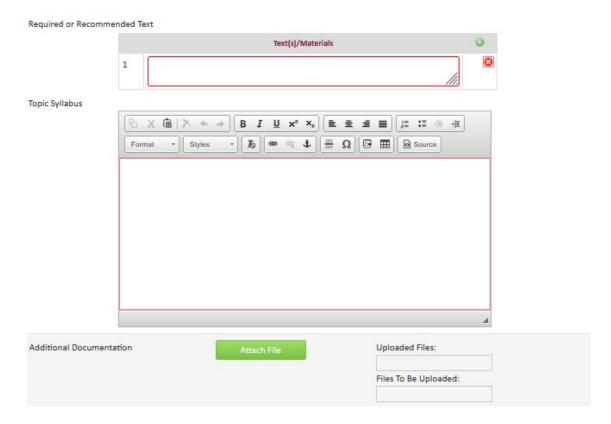
- i. Do not state "partial duplication."
- d. Do not include a credit hour breakdown in the Catalog Description. That information is automatically populated into the Catalog Description based on the information provided in previous sections.

"Duplicates _____" or "Course credit will not be awarded for both _____ and

20. Part I: Course information – Learning Objectives

Part I: Course Information

- a. Use key words/concepts/phrases to promote continuity/alignment between the Catalog Description (content), Learning Objectives (outcomes), and Topic Syllabus (topics).
- b. Do not list assignments the students will complete. Instead, state what measurable capabilities, skills, knowledge, proficiency, and/or expertise will students gain in this course.
- c. Although not an all-inclusive list, "Attachment A" provides a list of action verbs in support for writing measurable Learning Objective outcomes.
- d. While one action verb per learning objective is preferred, additional action verbs may be used if the verbs are closely aligned, and the learning objective outcome can still be assessed in the context of both action verbs.
- 21. Part I: Course information Justification Purpose/Reason For the Course
 - a. Compose a paragraph justifying why the course is needed and specifically why the proposed course should be taught at VT. Include how this course offering will benefit/support students in pursuit of an area of study as well as the educational significance/uniqueness of the proposed course.
 - b. This field should not duplicate the Academic Level Justification.



22. Part I: Course information – Required or Recommended Text

- a. List the texts/materials that students will need for the course. If there is no required text, then the first entry field should state "Required: None" followed by a brief justification of why this course has no required texts. This should be followed by example materials in subsequent entry fields.
- b. Text(s)/Materials are divided into three categories:
 - i. **Required** materials are texts or supplies that students will need to purchase and use for the course.
 - ii. **Recommended** materials are texts or supplies that students do not need for the course and/or materials that will be provided to the student free of cost.
 - iii. **Example** materials are listed in the case that a course has no Required materials. These can include supplementary texts, journal articles, periodicals, films, courseware packets, websites, etc. but should similarly be provided free of charge to the student.

23. Part I: Course information – Topic Syllabus

- Using keywords/concepts that align with the Catalog Description and Learning Objectives, list topics that students will cover during the course and what percentage of the total coursework that topic will account for.
- b. If a topic percentage is greater than 20%, a breakdown of sub-topics should also be listed.
- c. The percentages of all topics should add up to a total of 100%.

24. Additional Documentation

- a. Click the "Attach File" button to add Resource and Support letters as necessary.
- All standard and pathways course proposals (regardless of whether they are brand new courses or revisions) are required to include a new <u>Resource</u> <u>Letter</u> from the department head or a designee stating whether the new course or revision will require additional departmental resources.
- c. If you added a course to the corequisites or prerequisites, then you must include a <u>Support Letter</u> from the department that houses the pre/corequisite and authorizes the use of their course.

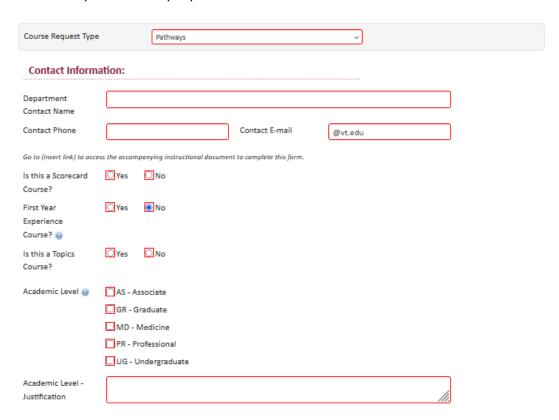
Propose New Course – Pathways

When do I use a New Pathways Course Proposal form?

If you are proposing a brand-new course that will satisfy Pathways requirements.

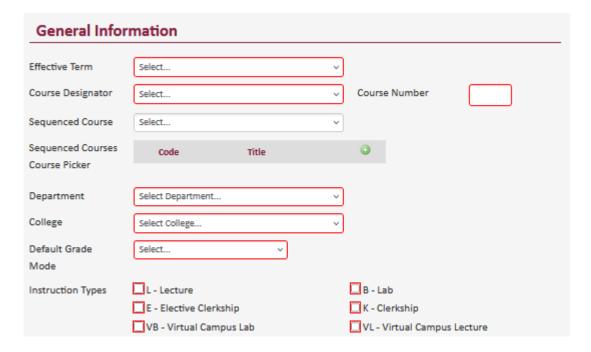
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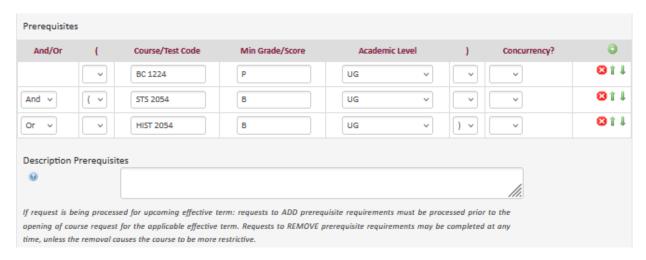


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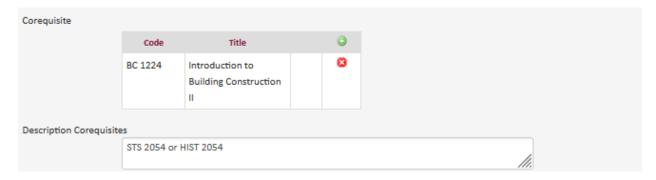


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20. Part I: Course information – Learning Objectives

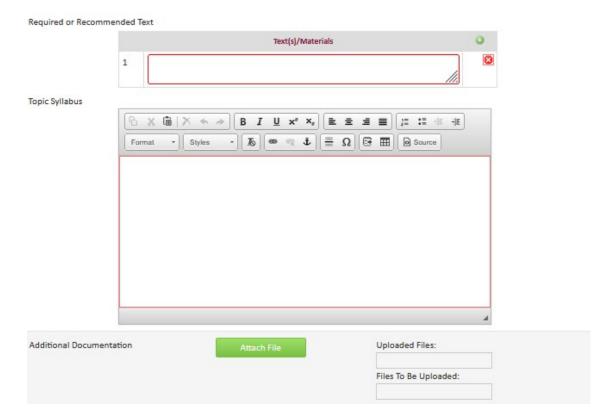
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Pathways-Specific Learning Objective Guidance

Indicate which of the Pathways core and/or integrative concepts correspond to each learning objective by annotating the concept at the end of the learning objective. For example: "Students will be able to make a compelling oral presentation that demonstrates their understanding of the ethical implications associated with driverless cars [Discourse 3; Ethical Reasoning 2]."

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Revise Course - Standard

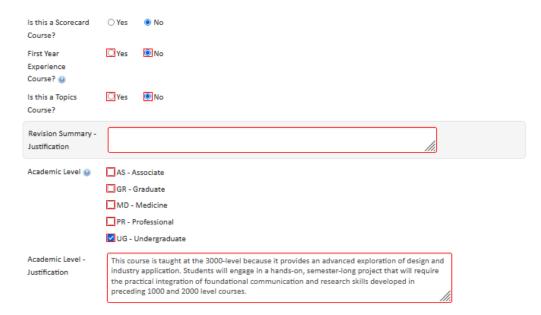
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- 3. Fill out the Contact Information name, phone, and email fields.



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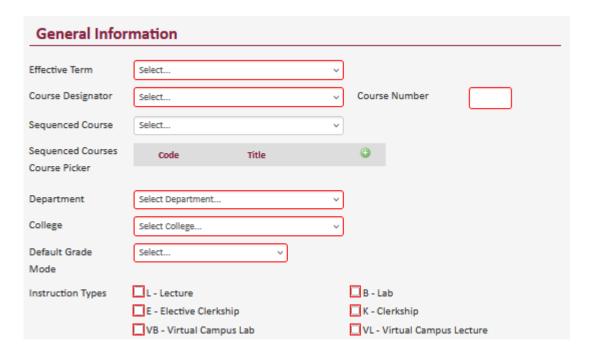
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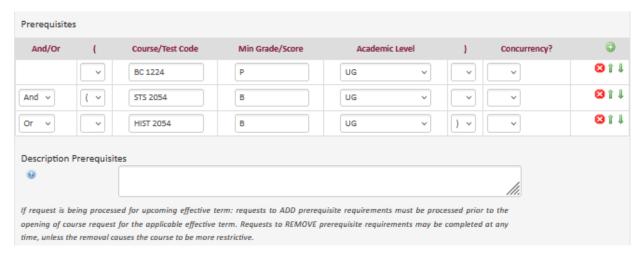


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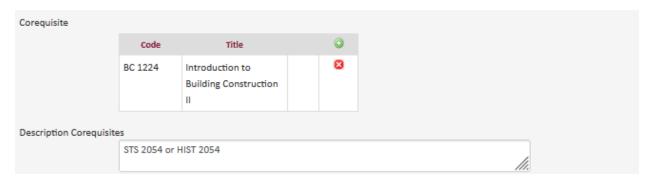


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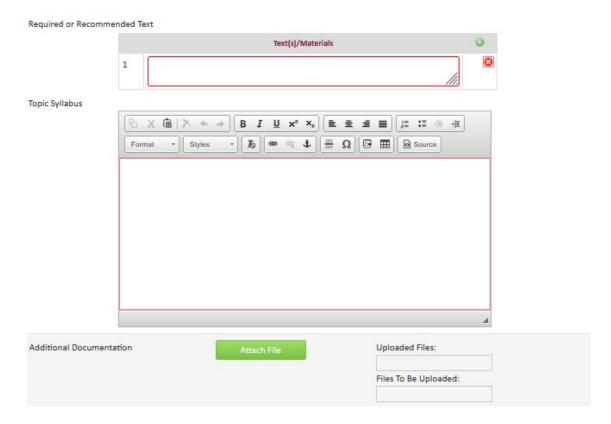
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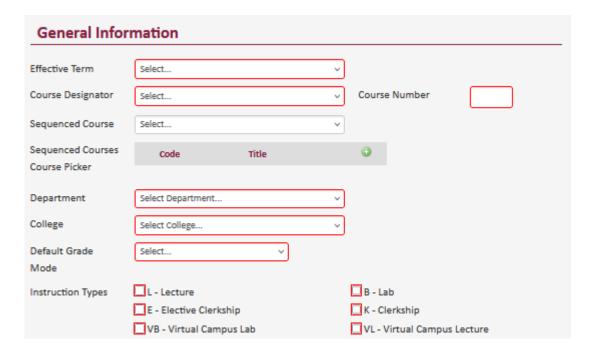
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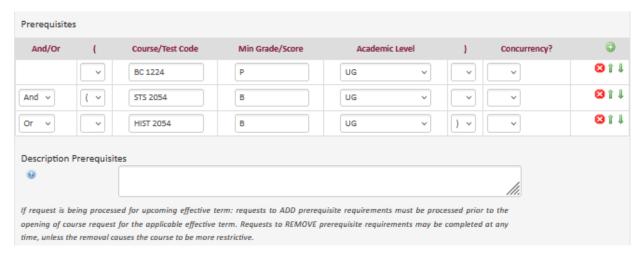


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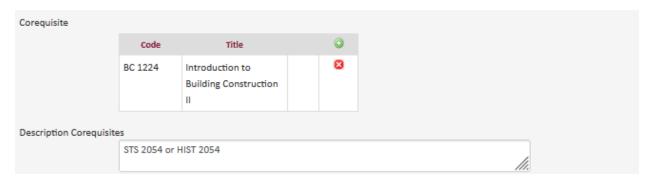


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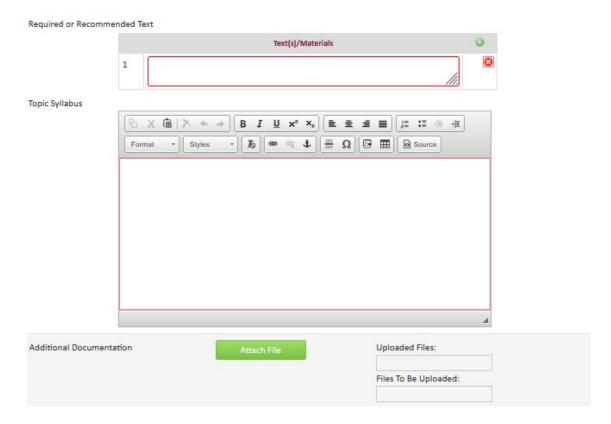
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Revise Course – Pre/Co Requisite

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 - Click the "Revise Course" button in the top-right corner of the course.
- 2. Select "Pre/Co Requisite" from the dropdown labeled "Course Request Type"
- 3. Fill out the Contact Information name, phone, and email fields.
- 4. General Information Effective Term
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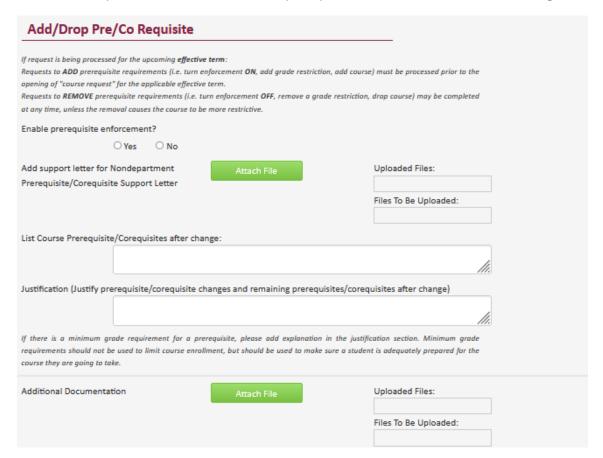
Authorized Uses of the Pre/Co Requisite Form

The Pre/Co proposal form will display several fields in the General Information section that should be ignored.

Any changes made to fields other than Effective Term, Prerequisites, Description Prerequisites, Corequisite, and Description Prerequisite will result in your proposal being rolledback with instructions to submit a <u>Standard</u> or <u>Pathways</u> revision as appropriate. Changes to credit hours, instruction type, title, etc. must go through a full governance workflow that includes a 15-day review period by way of a Standard or Pathways course proposal.

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11. Additional Documentation

a. If proposing a minimum grade requirement for a prerequisite course, then attach data justifying the requirement.

Appendix A – Bloom's Taxonomy of Measurable Verbs

Benjamin Bloom created a taxonomy of measurable verbs to help us describe and classify observable knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors and abilities. The theory is based upon the idea that there are levels of observable actions that indicate something is happening in the brain (cognitive activity.) By creating learning objectives using measurable verbs, you indicate explicitly what the student must do to demonstrate learning.

Verbs that demonstrate Critical Thinking

					EVALUATION
					Appraise
				SYNTHESIS	Argue
			T	Arrange	Assess
			ANALYSIS	Assemble	Choose
			Analyze	Collect	Compare
_		APPLICATION	Appraise	Combine	Conclude
		Apply	Categorize	Comply	Estimate
	COMPREHENSION	Complete	Compare	Compose	Evaluate
	Compare	Construct	Contrast	Construct	Interpret
KNOWLEDGE	Describe	Demonstrate	Debate	Create	Judge
List	Discuss	Dramatize	Diagram	Design	Justify
Name	Explain	Employ	Differentiate	Devise	Measure
Recall	Express	Illustrate	Distinguish	Formulate	Rate
Record	Identify	Interpret	Examine	Manage	Revise
Relate	Recognize	Operate	Experiment	Organize	Score
Repeat	Restate	Practice	Inspect	Plan	Select
State	Tell	Schedule	Inventory	Prepare	Support
Tell	Translate	Sketch	Question	Propose	Value
Underline		Use	Test	Setup	

Bloom's Taxonomy Action Verbs

* Considered lower-level action verbs, consider using higher-level action verbs appropriate for academic level, as/if applicable.

Definitions	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
Bloom's	Remember	Demonstrate an	Apply knowledge to	Break down objects	Compile component	Make and defend
Definition	previously learned information	understanding of the facts	actual situations	or ideas into simpler parts and find evidence to support generalizations	ideas into a new whole or propose alternative solutions	judgements based on internal evidence or external criteria
Verbs	Arrange	 Classify 	• Apply	Analyze	 Arrange 	 Appraise
	Define*	 Convert 	 Change 	 Appraise 	 Assemble 	Argue
	 Describe* 	 Defend 	 Choose 	 Breakdown 	 Categorize 	 Assess
	 Duplicate 	 Describe* 	 Compute 	 Calculate 	 Collect 	 Attach
	 Identify* 	• Discuss*	 Demonstrate 	 Categorize 	 Combine 	 Choose
	• Label	 Distinguish 	 Discover 	 Compare 	 Comply 	 Compare
	• List	 Estimate 	 Dramatize 	 Contrast 	 Compose 	 Conclude
	Match	• Explain*	• Employ	 Criticize 	 Construct 	 Contrast
	Memorize*	• Express*	 Illustrate 	 Diagram 	 Create 	 Defend
	Name*	 Extend 	 Interpret 	 Differentiate 	 Design 	 Describe*
	Order	 Generalized 	 Manipulate 	 Discriminate 	 Develop 	 Discriminate
	Outline	 Give example(s) 	 Modify 	 Distinguish 	 Devise 	 Estimate
	• Recognize*	Identify*	 Operate 	 Examine 	Explain*	 Evaluate
	Relate	Indicate*	 Practice 	 Experiment 	 Formulate 	• Explain*
	Recall*	• Infer	 Predict 	Identify*	 Generate 	 Judge
	Repeat	 Locate 	 Prepare 	 Illustrate 	 Plan 	 Justify
	Reproduce	 Paraphrase 	• Produce	• Infer	 Prepare 	 Interpret
	Select	Predict	 Relate 	 Model 	 Rearrange 	Relate
	State*	• Recognize*	 Schedule 	Outline	 Reconstruct 	 Predict
		Rewrite	• Show	 Point out 	Relate	Rate
		 Review 	 Sketch 	 Question 	 Reorganize 	 Select
		• Select	• Solve	Relate	Revise	• Summarize*
		• Summarize*	• Use	• Select	 Rewrite 	Support
		Translate	• Write	 Separate 	Set up	Value
				Subdivide	Summarize*	
				• Test	 Synthesize 	
					• Tell*	
					Write*	

Watch Out for Verbs that are not Measurable

In order for an objective to give maximum structure to instruction, it should be free of vague or ambiguous words or phrases. The following lists notoriously ambiguous words or phrases which should be avoided so that the intended outcome is concise and explicit.

WORDS TO AVOID	PHRASES TO AVOID
Believe	Appreciation for
Hear	 Acquainted with
Realize	Adjusted to
Capacity	 Awareness of
 Intelligence 	Capable of
Recognize	 Comprehension of
 Comprehend 	 Cognizant of
• Know	Enjoyment of
• See	 Conscious of
 Conceptualize 	Familiar with
Listen	Interested in
Self-Actualize	 Knowledge of
 Memorize 	 Knowledgeable about
Think	 Understanding of
Experience	
Perceive	
 Understand 	
• Feel	

Appendix B – Sequenced Course Codes

The sequenced course dropdown menu options and examples of circumstances in which you would use those codes are below.

Sequenced Course Option	Uses
A - Singular Course, Undergraduate	A standalone undergraduate course with a course number usually ending with the digit "4"
B - Series, Undergraduate	An undergraduate course that is part of a multi-semester offering with course numbers usually ending in the digits "5" or "6" and prospective students must take the courses in order
C - Connected, Undergraduate	An undergraduate course that is part of a group of thematically similar course offerings that are not required to be taken in any specific order and course numbers usually ending in the digits "5" or "6"
G - Singular Course, Graduate	A standalone graduate course with a course number usually ending with the digit "4"
H - Series, Graduate	A graduate course that is part of a multi- semester offering with course numbers usually ending in the digits "5" or "6" and prospective students must take the courses in order
I - Connected, Graduate	A graduate course that is part of a group of thematically similar course offerings that are not required to be taken in any specific order and course numbers usually ending in the digits "5" or "6"

Appendix C – Conjoint Courses

Conjoint Courses are a pair of 4XXX- and 5XXX-level courses that offer the same content to undergraduate and graduate students, respectively.

When a conjoint course is scheduled (face-to-face or virtually), a section of each course will be scheduled and taught in the same classroom or virtually, at the same time, and taught by the same faculty.

The process of creating a new conjoint course requires creating two separate proposals in Courseleaf CIM. One proposal for the undergraduate version of the conjoint course and another proposal for the graduate version. The undergraduate course proposal must fully complete governance workflow before the graduate proposal can be approved.

Sections of Proposal Impacted by Conjoint Requirements	Conjoint Course Proposal Requirements
Course Number	The graduate-level offering of the conjoint courses should have a course number that ends in -G
Long Title and Course Transcript (ADP) Title	The graduate course's Long and ADP title must match the undergraduate course's titles with the sole exception that the graduate-level course's long title starts with "Advanced" and the ADP Title starts with "Adv"
Credit Hours, Lecture Hours, Lab + Lab/Studio, and Other Hours	Both course proposals should have identical credit hour structures
Catalog Description	Both course proposals should have identical catalog descriptions
Learning Objectives	Both course proposals should have identical learning objectives, but the graduate version of the course can include additional objectives
Required or Recommended Text	Both course proposals should have identical Required or Recommended Text lists, but the graduate version can include additional texts/materials
Topic Syllabus	The Topic Syllabus should be identical between both versions of the course proposals

Appendix D – Crosslist Support Letter Template

Date:			
To: Cc:	University Registrar Rachel Pitcher, Assistant Regis	strar for Academic Governance	
Re:	Cross-Listing of ABCD 1234 (E	FGH 1234)	
	partment of ABCD would like to isting effective [term year]	request the ABCD 1234 (EFGH 1234), Course Title	, course
section		isted course is scheduled (face-to-face or virtually) led and taught in the same classroom or virtually, a	
Depart		1234 (Home Department) course is inactivated, the e proposal through the governance system if they w	
ABCD [·]	1234 (Home Department)		
		College Dean, Department Head, or Designee	Date
EFGH [^]	1234 (Cross-listed Department)		
		College Dean, Department Head, or Designee	Date

Appendix E – Resource Letter Template

Date:	:		
To: Cc:	University Registrar Rachel Pitcher, Assistant Registr	ar for Academic Governance	
Re:	Resource Letter for ABCD 1234, "	Course Title"	
	this letter I affirm that the proposed re any additional resources.	/revised course ABCD 1234, "Course Title" will not	/will not
ABCD	D 1234 (Home Department)		
	Co	ollege Dean, Department Head, or Designee	Date

Appendix F – Support Letter Template

Date:	:		
To: Cc:	University Registrar Rachel Pitcher, Assistant Registrar for A	Academic Governance	
Re:	Support for EFGH 5678 to use ABCD 12	34, "Course Title" as a prerequisite/corequi	site
	• •	4: "Course Title" as a prerequisite/corequisite that this change will require additional reso	
ABCD	D 1234 (Prerequisite/Corequiste Course)		
	College	Dean, Department Head, or Designee	Date

Appendix G – Scorecard Metric Interpretive Guidance

Scorecard Metric	Definition	Interpretive Guidance
Study Abroad	"Courses that carry this attribute should include	This classification is for a Virginia Tech credit-
	meaningful participation of all enrolled students in	bearing course. The attribute should be
	learning activities outside of the United States. The	attached to a course only when all sections of
	activities should be germane to the learning objectives of	the course are taught as part of an education
	the course and appropriate for the discipline. Faculty	abroad experience.
	members directing these courses must be in compliance	
	with university policies and procedures concerning	
	international travel programs. The number of course	
	credits should be proportional to the duration of the	
	activity, keeping in mind that a 1-credit on-campus	
	laboratory course meets 30-45 hours per semester."	
Service Learning	"Courses that carry this attribute should include a	Service learning is not simply volunteering in the
	meaningful participation of all students enrolled in the	community as an "add on" to a course. The
	course in at least 15 hours of community service that is	service teaming must be an extension of the
	germane to the learning objectives of the course. The	classroom experience. Service teaming
	learning sites are normally off campus in community	pedagogy also involves some form of reflection
	settings and the students are expected to engage directly	to create the connection and integration of the
	with clients wherever possible. The participating	service learning experiences with the course
	students do so as volunteers in the settings but may	content.
	receive grades for the course. This course does not have	
	to be registered with the Service Learning Center."	

Scorecard Metric	Definition	Interpretive Guidance
Experiential	"Courses that carry this attribute should	Focus on the phrase, "akin to internship. " Courses
	include a meaningful participation of all	focused on developing basic skills to prepare
	enrolled students in work experiences akin to	students for an internship experience should not
	internships (time in a work-place setting), or	carry the experiential learning attribute. A course
	projects that have real-world clients, or	focused on developing technical writing skill only
	products and outcomes, and/or engage	becomes "experiential teaming" when the writing is
	students in activities that simulate workplace	for a "real-world client." Students may develop
	responsibilities and performance. The learning	design skills in a course. The course is experiential
	sites are normally off campus in work place	when they use the design skills to solve a problem
	settings though some on-campus activities	for a "real world client." If the experience in class
	may qualify. The participating students may be	could legitimately appear on a resume as "work-
	compensated and the courses may be graded	related experience," the experiential learning
	and required for graduation."	attribute is appropriate
Undergraduate Research	"Courses that carry this attribute include	Students must carry out all elements of the
	meaningful participation of all students	research process resulting in an original
	enrolled in this course in intellectual or	intellectual or creative contribution appropriate to
	creative activity, characteristic of the	the discipline. Team projects are acceptable as
	discipline. With faculty supervision, the	long as each member of the team is participating in
	student defines the topic, designs and carries	the overall research process. While many courses
	out the methodology, and presents the results	are designed to develop a student's research
	in a manner consistent with the goals of the	abilities, only those courses in which a student
	activity and the course."	produces original research should carry the
		undergraduate research attribute.

Appendix H – Course Series Requirements

A course series is a collection of several courses that are intended to be taken in a specific order. A proposal is required for each course in the series and additional content/format requirements are listed below.

Review the special requirements for a course series while composing your proposal to ensure you are meeting the requirements for a course series.

Impacted Section of the Proposal	Requirement for Series Courses
Course Designator and Course Number	Course numbers end with the digits -5 and
	-6. The course ending in -5 must be taken
	by students prior to the course ending in -6.
Sequenced Course	Identify that the proposed course is part of
	a sequence by selecting "B - Series,
	Undergraduate" or "H – Series, Graduate"
	as applicable.
Long Title and Course Transcript (ADP) Title	All courses in a series must have the same
	Long and ADP titles.
Repeatable and Credit Hours	All courses in a series must have the same
	credit hour structure.
Prerequisites and Description Prerequisites	The series course that ends in -6 must
	include the series course ending in -5 as a
	prerequisite.
Catalog Description	The Catalog Description should be
	identical on both proposals.
	The description should also start with a
	statement providing overview of the entire
	series, followed by labeled sections
	detailing each course.
Topic Syllabus	The Topic Syllabus should be identical on
	both proposals.
	The topic syllabus should be divided into
	two sections with a header identifying
	which series course the topics are taught
	in.

Appendix I – Connected Course Requirements

Connected courses are a collection of thematically similar courses that are not required to be taken in order. A proposal is required for each of the connected courses and additional content/format requirements are listed below.

Review the special requirements below while composing your proposal to ensure you are meeting the requirements for a connected course.

Impacted Section of the Proposal	Requirement for Connected Courses
Course Designator and Course Number	Course numbers end with the digits -5 and
	-6.
Sequenced Course	Identify whether the proposed course is
	part of a sequence by selecting "C -
	Connected, Undergraduate" or "I -
	Connected, Graduate" as applicable.
Long Title and Course Transcript (ADP) Title	Connected course titles do not need to
	match but typically share naming
	conventions. For example: HIST 1235:
	European Renaissance 1400-1500 & HIST
	1236: European Renaissance 1500-1600.
Catalog Description	The Catalog Description should be
	identical on both proposals.
	The description should also start with a
	statement providing overview of both
	connected courses, followed by labeled
	sections detailing each course.
Topic Syllabus	The Topic Syllabus should be identical on
	both proposals.
	The topic syllabus should be divided into
	two sections with a header identifying
	which course the topics are taught in.

Appendix J – Topics Course Requirements

Topics courses are courses that may be repeated with different content for credit.

Review the special requirements below while composing your proposal to ensure you are meeting the requirements for a topics course.

Impacted Section of the Proposal	Requirement for Topics Courses	Example
Long Title and Course Transcript (ADP) Title	Both the long title and ADP title must	Long Title: Topics in Global Public Policies
	begin with the word "Topics"	ADP Title: Topics Global Public Policies
Catalog Description	Due to the changing content of topics	" May be repeated 2 times with different
	courses, they are inherently	content for a maximum of 9 credit hours."
	repeatable and require a repeatability	
	statement at the end of the catalog	
	description	
Learning Objectives	The learning objectives should be	
	broad enough to support multiple	
	sample topic syllabi.	
Topic Syllabus	A minimum of two example topic	
	syllabi should be provided that	
	illustrate course content under	
	different topics.	