

# Advising Terms & Resources

Knowing and understanding these **advising terms** will be helpful as you plan your path to graduation.

In addition to your academic advisor, these **advising resources** provide easily-accessible guidance.

## The Basics

- **Credit.** A measure of instruction equal to 1 hour per week over the course of a semester (generally 15 weeks). For example, a three-credit class will meet for 3 hours per week.
- **Full-time student.** A student who registers for 12 or more credits during a semester.
- **Part-time student.** A student who registers for between 1 and 11 credits during a semester.

**NOTE:** Tuition, fees, and target graduation date are all impacted by a student's full-time or part-time status.

## Courses

- **Course code.** A four letter and four digit code used to identify a specific course. For example, **PSYC 2010** is the *course code* for "Introduction to Psychology."
- **CRN (course reference number).** A unique five-digit code used to identify a specific class within a semester (e.g., **10567**).
- **Prerequisite.** A course that must be completed with a satisfactory grade (i.e., minimum grade of C) before enrolling in another course. For example, ENGL 1010 is a *prerequisite* for ENGL 1020.
- **Corequisite.** A course that must be completed simultaneously with another course. For example, MATH 0093 is a *corequisite* of MATH 1105. MATH 0093 *must* be taken during the same semester as MATH 1105.
- **Concurrency.** A course that, if not completed previously, may be taken at the same time.

## Academic Award Types

- **Certificate:** generally includes 18 to 30 credits (about 1 to 2 semesters).
- **Technical diploma:** generally includes 45 credits (about 3 semesters or 1.5 to 2 years).
- **Associate's degree:** generally includes 60 credits (about 4 semesters or 2 years).

## Registration

- **Priority registration.** A priority scheduling period for current SLCC students. During this period, current students are eligible to register for classes prior to all new students.
- **Open registration.** The scheduling period for new first-time-in-college, new transfer, returning (previous), and visiting students.

## Schedule Changes

- **Add/drop.** Adjusting a scheduled class after registration, but prior to the add/drop deadline.
  - No affect on GPA (grade point average).
  - No affect on SAP (satisfactory academic progress).
  - **NOTE:** Financial aid will adjust if add/drop affects full-time or part-time status.
- **Withdraw.** Removing a scheduled class after the drop deadline, but prior to the withdrawal deadline.
  - Grade of "W" appears on transcript, however no impact on GPA.
  - Will affect SAP.

**NOTE:** Schedule change deadlines are posted on the academic calendar.

## Advising Resources

- **Advising handbook.** An online guide with tips on academic scheduling and degree planning.
- **College catalog.** An online collection of academic policies, procedures, requirements, and guidelines.
- **Degree plan.** A list of courses and requirements to complete a program.
- **Degree Works.** An online academic advising and degree audit system that monitors student progress toward degree completion. **Log into LoLA to access.**
- **LoLA (Logon Louisiana).** An online student information system that includes students' personal information, academic records, unofficial transcript, financial aid summary, semester bill, and payment options.