

# The Course Numbering System at the CSU

Each California State University (CSU) course is given a unique identifier number which begins with a two, three, four or five letter departmental code to represent the department in which the course is being taught at the CSU campus. The departmental code is followed by three or four digits to signify the division or level in which the course is being taught. Generally, course division levels (lower, upper and graduate) correlate with the difficulty of the course.

Most CSU degrees are four years in length. Lower division courses are designed for first and second year CSU students undertaking an undergraduate degree although courses may be taken by other students. Many upper division courses have prerequisite course work which must be satisfied in order to take the course. Prerequisites are provided in course descriptions which can be found online in the campus 'catalog' or 'bulletin'. Detailed course outlines and/or syllabi are not available online but are given to students on the first day of class.

Note that the campuses listed below operate on the semester system except for East Bay, Pomona, San Bernardino and San Luis Obispo. These six campuses operate on the quarter system in which three quarters are considered equivalent to two semesters, or one academic year.

## CSU, BAKERSFIELD

0000-0999 non-credit bearing courses  
1000-2999 lower division (undergraduate)  
3000-4999 upper division (undergraduate)  
5000-5999 graduate courses, may be open to  
"advanced" undergraduates  
6000-6999 graduate

## CSU, CHANNEL ISLANDS

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## CSU, CHICO

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-599 advanced upper division or graduate  
600-699 graduate

## CSU, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-600 graduate

## CSU, EAST BAY (QUARTER)

1000-2999 lower division (undergraduate)  
3000-4999 upper division (undergraduate)  
6000-6999 graduate

## CSU, FRESNO

1- 99 lower division (undergraduate)  
100-199 upper division (undergraduate)  
200-299 graduate

## CSU, FULLERTON

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## HUMBOLDT SU

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate courses

## CSU, LONG BEACH

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## CSU, LOS ANGELES

1000-2999 lower division (undergraduate)  
3000-3999 upper division (undergraduate)  
4000-4999 advanced upper division or graduate  
5000-5999 graduate

## CSU MARITIME ACADEMY

1 - 99 remedial/not applicable to degree  
100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-999 graduate

## CSU, MONTEREY BAY

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-599 graduate

## CSU, NORTHRIDGE

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## CSPU, POMONA (QUARTER)

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## CSU, SACRAMENTO

1- 99 lower division (undergraduate)  
100-199 upper division (undergraduate)  
200-599 graduate

## CSU, SAN BERNARDINO (QUARTER)

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-599 upper division (undergraduate)  
600-699 graduate

## SAN DIEGO SU

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-599 advanced upper division  
600-799 graduate

## SAN FRANCISCO SU

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-699 upper division (undergraduate)  
700-899 graduate

## SAN JOSE SU

1 - 99 lower division (undergraduate)  
100-199 upper division (undergraduate)  
200-299 graduate

## CPSU, SAN LUIS OBISPO (QUARTER)

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-599 graduate division

## CSU, SAN MARCOS

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-699 graduate

## SONOMA SU

100-299 lower division (undergraduate)  
300-499 upper division (undergraduate)  
500-599 graduate

## CSU, STANISLAUS

1000-2999 lower division (undergraduate)  
3000-4999 upper division (undergraduate)  
5000-5999 graduate