Understanding Advisories & Course Requisites

Advisories
Course advisories are placed on courses as a recommendation that a student has completed another Mission College course prior to enrollment, but it is not required. Students may also feel confident they are prepared for the course if they have completed a similar course to the advisory course at another college, or if they believe they have acquired the knowledge or skills learned in the advisory course through other means.

Prerequisites
Prerequisites are placed on courses to require students to have either completed another Mission College course or met some other indicator prior to enrollment in this course.

Corequisites
Corequisites are placed on courses to require students to enroll simultaneously in the courses. Sometimes a course is indicated as a Corequisite or Prerequisite which permits the student to enroll if they have previously completed the prerequisite course or are enrolling in it simultaneously.

Antirequisites
An Antirequisite means a student cannot enroll and receive credit for this course, if they have already received credit for the antirequisite course.

Students who have questions about or need assistance with meeting requisites can get help from Placement and Assessment Services, Admissions and Records, Counseling, or the academic department in which the course is offered.

Reading the Requisite Requirements

Simple Requisites:
Many requisites are very easy to understand. In the example below, a student must have completed or be currently taking and scheduled to complete ACC001A, or work with Placement and Assessment Services to clear the prerequisite through alternative means, before enrolling in ACC001B for an upcoming term.

ACC 001B MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING 4.0 units
Prerequisite: ACC 001A

More Than One Requisite:
Some courses may have more than one requisite. In the example below a student must meet two prerequisite, MAT 003B and PHY 004B. In addition, the student is advised (but not required) to have completed MAT 004A, before enrolling in EGR 024.

EGR 024 INTRODUCTION TO CIRCUIT ANALYSIS 3.0 units
Prerequisite: MAT 003B and PHY 004B
Advisory: MAT 004A

More Than One Way to Meet the Requisite:
In some cases, students have options in how to meet a requisite. In the example below a student can meet the prerequisite for ART 048B by completing either ART 031A or ART 033C.

ART 048A AIRBRUSH PAINTING 3.0 units
Prerequisite: ART 031A or ART 033C
Advisory: BUS 021

Complex Requisites:
Occasionally, requisites can be complex. When this happens, parenthesis are used to help communicate the complexities. When you see the parenthesis, you should interpret the information within them as a block before considering the information outside the parenthesis. In the example below, a student must complete BUS 021L or CAP 063B (but not both) as well as complete MAT 010 or MAT 009 (but not both) prior to enrollment in BUS 041.

BUS 041 BEGINNING BUSINESS ANALYTICS 3.0 units
Prerequisite: (BUS 021L or CAP 063B) and (MAT 010 or MAT 009)
Advisory: BUS 021

One of the most complex requisites is for BIO 004, where a set of double parenthesis exist. Starting from the left, there is a set of parenthesis indicating a student can choose between four different options to meet the first prerequisite. The student can complete BIO0011 or BIO001A or BIO022 or BIO010 and BIO010L. Because BIO010 and BIO010L are in an additional set of parentheses this information is to be taken as a block. Three of the four options can be met with a single course, while the fourth option requires completion of two courses. Yet another set of parentheses indicate a student can choose between three different options to meet a second prerequisite. In this case the student must complete one of three possible chemistry course.

BIO 004 MICROBIOLOGY 5.0 units
Prerequisite: ((BIO0010 and BIO001L) or BIO011 or BIO001A or BIO022) and (CHM 003A or CHM 001A or CHM 060)