

**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS & SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES
COURSE CODES**

There are three types of course codes:

- 1) The applied linguistics or language learning courses given in an intensive mode. Students come to class Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.
- 2) English and Spanish taught afternoon courses in different specialty areas -such as humanities, sustainable studies, political sciences, art, etc.- are taught twice a week for two hours except in the summer (taught intensive Monday thru Thursday for two hours).
- 3) Courses in the regular degree track schools of art and design with local students.

The codes are composed of two parts: An alpha code (letter) indicating the discipline or field of study and a numeric code that indicates the type of course and level.

All courses at the CIPSS have an alpha code of either three or four letters

ARCH- Architecture
ART- Art
COMM- Communications
CTV- Cinema and Television
DNCE- Dance
ECON- Economics
ENV- Environmental studies
ETHN- Ethnic Studies
GEB- General Business
HHD- Health and Human Development
HIS- History
HUM- Humanities
MGMT- Management
MKTG- Marketing
SOCY- Sociology
SPN- Spanish language, literature and culture
SSP- Spanish for Specific Purposes
SUSD- Sustainability Studies
PED- Physical Education
PHIL- Philosophy
PHOT- Photography
POL- Political Science
PSY- Psychology
SUSD- Sustainable Development

Intensive language courses (Spanish as a Second Language) will have a SPN or SSP alpha code and a 3-digit numeric code while all specialty courses (including those taught in Spanish) have a 4-digit numeric code.

The first number indicates the level or degree of complexity of content or related ongoing research. However, since Veritas uses the Competency Based Assessment and teaching methodology, course levels should be compared

carefully with home institutions Objective Based programs.

Courses that start with a 1: introductory courses or, in the case of language acquisition, this is a beginner level. Area specialty courses at this level are introductory and usually don't require any previous knowledge of the field.

Courses that start with a 2: These courses require more hours of training in hours of independent study. In the case of language acquisition courses, these are intermediate levels. However, in some of the field based courses, students will already be doing research and engaging in specialized topic studies.

Courses that start with a 3: These courses require research and presentations. In many cases, these courses have field trips or visits requiring reports. Level 3 assumes that the student has taken other introductory courses in the field but does not impose such requirements. In general, this level goes "deeper" and "narrower" in a field of study. In the case of language acquisition, these courses are for students with an advanced level in language proficiency both written and oral expression.

Courses that start with a 4: They have similar level-to-level 3 courses but usually are "specialty areas" within a discipline. In the case of language, the student must have completed a minimum of two courses at level three. Most courses are specialized topics courses.

The rest of the numeric digits of the code are part of the "identification" of the course. For example, courses that have an eight as the second number are course taught as "Independent Studies" (i.e. ENV-3850 Independent Studies in Environmental Sciences).

Courses which belong to the Degree in the regular schools have a two-letter alpha code indicating the school where the course is taught and a numeric code of 3 or 4 digits indicates the level in the same manner described above.

Alpha codes of Art and Design Schools are as follows:

AD- Digital Animation
AR- Architecture
FT- Photography
DE- Inner Space Design
DM- Fashion Design
DP- Advertising Design
PR- Product Design

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