

FAQs on Pre-reqs – UC San Diego

Physics

What is a pre-req?

A pre-req is a course that must be completed prior to taking a certain course.

Can I take pre-reqs for P/NP credit?

If taking a course simply to satisfy a pre-req (meaning the course is not applying towards your major/minor), the course can be taken for P/NP credit *or* for a letter grade - the choice is yours.

Do I have to complete a pre-req that's not required by my major?

Pre-reqs belong to the courses themselves and not to any particular major/minor/GE/med/grad-prep program, so there may be situations in which you will need to take courses that are not part of your major/minor/GE/med/grad-prep program if they are listed as pre-reqs for courses that are part of your major/minor/GE/med/grad-prep program.

Where can I see the physics course pre-reqs?

[Physics Courses section of the UCSD General Catalog](#)
[Online Schedule of Classes](#)
[WebReg](#)

How will WebReg behave in regards to pre-reqs?

The system will block a student from enrolling if they have not met **all** of the listed pre-reqs for a course. If enrolling for summer courses, keep in mind that only courses you are actually enrolled in can count towards pre-reqs (planned and/or waitlisted courses do not count towards pre-reqs). Please continue reading for our policies on pre-reqs.

What is the *Physics Department* policy on pre-reqs and how are requests for exceptions handled?

Pre-reqs must be taken in advance and this is enforced across the board for every student enrolling in our courses; a grade of D or above is accepted. If you are missing one/more pre-reqs you cannot proceed with your proposed enrollment(s). Instead, you will need to enroll in the missing pre-req(s). **We will not grant exceptions to our pre-req policies.**

How can I get cleared to enroll in a physics course if I took a pre-req outside of UC San Diego that hasn't yet been added to my record?

You will need to use the campus' Enrollment Authorization System ([EASy](#)) to request preauthorization to enroll/waitlist. Be sure to read the yellow note that pops up when selecting our course in EASy before completing and submitting your request.