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## **FAQ: Prerequisite Enforcement**

1. ***When will prerequisite enforcement go into effect?***

Prerequisite enforcement will go into effect on a departmental basis. It will not go into effect for your department, or more precisely for a particular course designation, e.g., HIST, until all the prerequisites for courses with that course designation have been approved. For example, none of the prerequisites for HIST courses will be enforced until the prerequisites of all HIST courses have been approved. Cross-listed courses are a special case. See question 2.

2. ***If my department has cross-listed courses, will that affect when prerequisite enforcement goes into effect?***

Yes and no. If you have cross-listed courses, prerequisite enforcement for your department will go live after approval of prerequisites for all of your courses. For example, HIST 481 and ASIA 481 are cross-listed. Once HIST has received approval of prerequisites for all HIST courses, all HIST course prerequisites will be enforced. This means that prerequisites for ASIA 481 will also be enforced even if ASIA has not received approval of prerequisites for all ASIA courses.

3. ***I would like to list “3 credits of HIST” as the prerequisite for 400-level HIST courses. Will students who took AFR 192, which is cross-listed with HIST 192, still be able to enroll in 400-level HIST courses?***

Yes. We've been assured that LionPath can read cross-listings so that AFR/HIST 192 can count as 3 credits of AFR and 3 credits of HIST for prerequisite purposes regardless of the designation on the student's transcript. If you find that is not the case once prerequisite enforcement for your department goes live, please let us know.

4. ***What is the earliest that prerequisite enforcement for my department can go into effect?***

Fall 2020. To meet that deadline, you will need to have all of your proposals for prerequisite enforcement through the consultation stage by Oct. 4. Spring 2021 is probably a more realistic target for most departments.

5. ***I have some 400-level courses with prerequisites on the books, and I would like for them to have no prerequisites. Can I change the prerequisites to none?***

No. Courses at the 400-level are generally expected to have a prerequisite, but there is an exception. See question 7.

6. ***I need a new prerequisite for my 400-level courses, but my department's courses are interdisciplinary and some students in our 400-level courses may not have had any previous courses with our course designation. What should I do?***

It is possible to use semester standing for the prerequisite. For example, a possible prerequisite for a 400-level course in AFAM would be 5<sup>th</sup> semester standing.

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7. ***I have some 400-level courses on the books with no prerequisites. Do I have to propose a prerequisite for those courses?***

No. In this case, the lack of a prerequisite is grandfathered in and you are not required to have a prerequisite for the course.

8. ***Will graduate students be treated the same as undergraduate students with regard to prerequisites for undergraduate courses?***

Yes. If a graduate student has not had the prerequisite courses for an undergraduate course, it will be necessary to do an override to admit the graduate student into the course.

9. ***Who should I contact if I have any questions?***

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