

Clearing the BIO 141 prerequisite/corequisite for Grossmont College BIO141L

The BIO 141 prerequisite will clear automatically for students who have successfully completed BIO 141 at Grossmont College or Cuyamaca College. If you believe you have successfully completed a Biology 141 equivalent course at any accredited college or university, follow the instructions below to submit a request for prerequisite clearance.

Please note:

- Equivalency evaluations may take at least 2 weeks to be processed.
- Requests for expedited reviews will not result in a faster response.
- Failure to submit any items may result in delays processing.

BIO 141 equivalent courses must have, at a minimum, the following characteristics:

- 3 semester units (or the equivalent): 3 units of lecture
- Lecture equivalent to at least 48 hours
- Cover content similar to BIO 141 (structure and function of human cells, tissues, organs, organs systems and their contribution to homeostasis and metabolism)

Courses that are routinely cleared as equivalent to BIO141, but still require the prerequisite of BIOL-C1000 (formerly Bio 120):

A. SDSU BIOL590

B. UCSD BIPN100 and BIPN102 (combined, but not individually)

To request a BIO 141 prerequisite clearance, submit the following information by email to the Biology Department Co-Chair, Selene Miles: selene.miles@gcccd.edu

If you need to clear a prerequisite for a course at Cuyamaca college, please contact the Department Chair, Michelle Garcia at michelle.garcia@gcccd.edu .

1. Name (the official one on transcripts)
2. Your GC student ID
3. The GC course you would like to enroll in.
4. The semester you would like to enroll in the GC course. The GC administration has recently decided that prerequisite clearances are temporary (valid for one semester).
5. The GC prerequisite course(s) you would like to clear so that you can enroll in the course you would like to take.
6. The name of the course you think is equivalent to our GC prerequisite course. (Only department chairs determine equivalency.)
7. The college you took the course at.
8. The semester (or quarter) and year you took the class.

9. You must also provide a transcript. I do not have access to transcripts if you submitted them to the college, even though it seems like I would. The transcript may be unofficial, but I need certain information on the transcript(s) including: your full name, your college's name, the semester you took the class(es), and the name and number of the class.
10. A link to the Course Description in the Course Catalog for the academic year you took the class.
11. In the case the Course Description provided in the Course Catalog is vague, please provide a syllabus from the semester you took the class (syllabi are found at colleges and universities) or Course Outline of Record (CORs are found at colleges). Syllabi and/or CORs can be accessed by contacting your former professor or the department's department chair.

Waivers of prerequisites are not based on your perceived ability to handle the upcoming class. The determination is based on your successful completion of a course with information that is determined as equivalent by the department chair.

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