



**Institute for International Medicine**  
**Course Numbering System and Guide to Curriculum Designator Abbreviations**  
**and Course Descriptions**

I. Introduction

- A. The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate INMED's course numbering system and guide to curriculum designator abbreviations and course descriptions to evaluation teams and the Commission.

II. Course Numbering System

<b>Course</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Short Self-Paced Courses	200 - 499	Short Self-Paced Courses in Epidemiology, Public Health, and Clinical Health. Courses that do not count toward degree requirements-primarily used for skill development. May NOT be cross listed or cross level.
Variable Content Courses	500 - 599	Multiple term duration courses based on research or internship (e.g., Scholarly Project, Service-Learning) designed primarily for master's level study. May be cross listed.
Academic Credit Courses	700 - 799	Graduate courses designed primarily for master's level study.
Professional Courses	800 - 899	Professional- and graduate- level hands-on skills courses primarily for health professionals. May be applicable for master's level study.
Graduate Certificates	900 - 999	Professional- and graduate- level courses for students in International Medicine,



		Nursing, and/or Public Health. Designed primarily for master's level study. May be cross listed.
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### III. Cross-Listed

#### A. Cross-Listed Courses *must*:

- Be at the same level.
- Cover the same content.
- Not meet different general education requirements

#### B. Cross-Listed Courses *may*:

- Not have the exact same number.
- Have different additional fees. However, students may need to enroll in a specific course to meet a requirement and may or may not be allowed to substitute the cross-listed course to avoid the fee. There are limits on enrollment and space may not be available in the non-fee course or section.

### IV. Curriculum Designator Abbreviations

- A. The abbreviations listed below are used in course descriptions. They may be called Curriculum Designators.

Abbreviations	Subject Area
SSPC	Short Self-Paced Course
PC	Professional Course
PQC	Professional Qualification Course
PCC	Professional Certificate Course
VC	Variable Content Course
GC	Graduate Certificate
GD	Graduate Diploma
ACC	Academic Credit Course
MIH	Master's in International Health



V. Course Description

A. In addition to providing a brief description of the course content, it also includes:

1. Credit Hours
2. Cost
3. Admission Requirements

VI. Prerequisite and Corequisite

A. A prerequisite may consist of one or more background courses, appropriate placement score, admission to a specific program of study, or departmental permission. The student is responsible for having the appropriate prerequisites prior to the beginning of the class. If any academic department determines that a student does not have the appropriate prerequisite, registration for the class may be cancelled either prior to or after classes begin. Questions concerning the prerequisite should be directed to the academic department offering the course.

B. Some courses may require concurrent enrollment in another course during the same semester. Such courses are identified in the semester class schedule as needing a "corequisite".

C. Prerequisites and corequisites change over time and are not dependent on the student's catalog of graduation. The registration system will enforce prerequisites and corequisites that are in effect for the semester of registration.

VII. Variable Content Course

A. The *variable content course* statement indicates course is defined as one having in either its course title or its description any of the following terms: variable content, special topics, issues, problems, seminars, projects, independent study, field study, internships,



practicums, research, service learning, supervised teaching, thesis, readings, etc. Variable content courses include any courses that may be substantially different from one semester to another. Also included in this category are special problems, special projects, readings, and research conducted on a tutorial basis with individual students. Unless otherwise stipulated in the course description, a variable content course may be taken only once for course credit.

#### VIII. Credit and Clock Hours

- A. *Credit hours* represent a unit of academic credit measured in semester hours. Some courses may be offered for a range of credit hours. Learn more: [INMED Credits and Degrees Policy](#).
- B. *CME credit* is the "currency" assigned to activities accredited for continuing medical education. Physicians and other healthcare professionals use credits to meet requirements for maintenance of licensure, maintenance of specialty board certification, credentialing, membership in professional societies, and other professional privileges. The requirements for credit designation are determined by the organization responsible for the credit system.
- C. *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>* is the type of CME credit that INMED awards physicians participating in:
  - 1. certified activities accredited by either the ACME or an ACCME-recognized State/Territory Medical Society;
  - 2. activities recognized by the AMA as valid educational activities and awarded directly by the AMA;
  - 3. and certain international activities recognized by the AMA through its International Conference Recognition Program.