Graduate Course Numbering System

As a matter of general policy, departments will no longer be permitted to use courses numbered below 400 for graduate credit.

Courses numbered 100 to 299 are introductory or intermediate undergraduate courses and cannot be used toward a master’s degree.

Courses numbered 300 to 499 are advanced courses primarily for undergraduates. A graduate student, with the approval of departmental adviser, may use a maximum of 12 credits of 400-499 courses taken at Oakland University toward a graduate degree.

A standard exception through Graduate Council will be made for approved interdisciplinary programs. To assist students in acquiring the requisite background for interdisciplinary degree programs, graduate credit may be granted for up to 12 credits in courses numbered 300-499 that are NOT in the students' major field of study.

Courses numbered 500 and above are primarily for graduate students. With permission of an academic adviser, qualified undergraduates may enroll in a graduate course numbered 500 to 599 provided they have obtained written permission to do so from the department or school offering the course.

Courses numbered 600 and above are primarily for master’s students. These courses are restricted to graduate students.

Courses numbered 700 and above are primarily for doctoral students, but with permission of the faculty adviser, qualified masters students may enroll provided they have obtained permission from the department or school offering the course.

Courses numbered 900 and above are restricted to doctoral students.