

Course Catalog Navigation Script

[00:00] This video is gonna walk you through how to find the university course catalog and what to do with it once you access it. If you're on your Purdue University Global homepage, you're gonna go up to "University Info" up at these tabs up at the top. When you click on "University Info", down towards the bottom there's a link that you can click on that says "University Catalog". If you click on that it will bring you to this page and then if you scroll down, you can click on "Undergraduate" and from there you can click on "Course Descriptions" right here.

[00:46] When you get to this page, you can look alphabetically at all of the different undergraduate programs that we offer here. You can either scroll down and kind of peruse all of the different options, or if you know what you're looking for, you can just click on department titles alphabetically. For example, if you know that you wanted to look up a course in the psychology department, you could just click on "P" and it would take you down and you can click on "Psychology" and then to go back you would click on "Course Descriptions" and it would take you back to that landing

[01:25] Let's actually, we'll go into the Psychology department and I'll show you what you can do when you're there. You would click on Psychology. The courses are listed in numerical order, so the 100 level courses are listed first and as you scroll down you'll see those numbers increase. You've got 100 level courses and 200 level courses. If you keep going, you'll see some of the 300 level courses and then below that the 400 level courses.

[01:56] A couple of things to notice as you're looking through these courses and course descriptions, we'll go back up to the top, the first thing that you see like right here this PS115, that's the course code. Then you'll see the course title. You will also see the course description here. It will tell you how many credit hours the course is. It will also let you know if there is a prerequisite which is really important if you're a bachelor's student and you're working on selecting your electives. Let's say for example you were interested in taking this course, Psychology 200. There is a prerequisite. You have to take Psychology 124 first. You would just want to make sure if you selected Psychology 200 as an elective that you are also meeting that requirement of Psychology 124 either also selecting that as an elective or maybe it's already one of your required courses. You just need to make sure that that you're also taking that course as well.

[03:06] There's a lot of different ways to use the course catalog. You can look up courses that you know that you're gonna be taking so that you can read the course description and prepare for what you'll be taking in the future. If you're a bachelor's student, you're gonna use the course catalog as a way to select your elective choices. At the university, we give you guys the option to look at all of the different undergraduate programs here and to select courses from pretty much any of them. There are some exceptions and your instructor will review that with you and if you have questions they'll help answer any questions you might have. But we do allow you to go into these different programs and departments and to review the courses that they offer and to select the courses that meet your needs. You want to make sure that you're selecting electives that help you individualize your degree plan and that they are courses that are really a good fit for you and what you want to do when you graduate. Enjoy the opportunity that you have to look through all of these great courses and to read through all the course descriptions and remember to reach out to your instructor and ask questions as you have them.