

COURSE CATALOG

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Our goal at Pearson Accelerated Pathways is to give you the best college experience possible. That means offering a variety of cost-effective ways to earn credit. In collaboration with our college partners, we offer several online courses to help you earn an affordable degree on your schedule.

With these courses, you can choose options that fit your learning style. Our self-paced courses can be started anytime and give you maximum flexibility to study at your own pace. Our facilitated options offer grading feedback from a course facilitator while retaining the flexibility of self-paced content. For a more structured learning experience, our instructor-led courses are term based and include additional interaction with other students in the course.

This catalog will provide you with an overview of the courses offered through Accelerated Pathways while giving you a glimpse of what to expect from each one.



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Self-Paced Courses

These self-paced online courses can be started anytime and give you maximum flexibility to study at your own pace. This format does not have weekly assignment due dates. If you like to set your own schedule, these might be the perfect courses for you!

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ACCOUNTING I

Course Description: This course covers an introduction to business accounting. Topics include accounting concepts and principles, financial statements, internal control design, and accounting for partnerships.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ACCOUNTING II

Course Description: This course is a continuation of Accounting I. Topics include corporate accounting and financial statements, long-term liabilities, cash flow and financial statement analysis, managerial accounting, budgeting, and using financial data to make business decisions.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Accounting I is recommended*

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Course Description: This course introduces students to the fundamentals of American government and politics, focusing on the historical evolution of government and policies, the major institutions, and the major processes. Course goals include developing an interest in and understanding of today's government, policy development, and politics as well as developing critical thinking and information-literacy skills in the areas of government and politics. Topics include the Constitution, federalism, civil rights and civil liberties, the structure and processes of the three branches of government, political socialization, interest groups and public opinion, political parties and the election process, as well as basic U.S. social, economic, and foreign policy.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

Self-Paced Courses

AMERICAN HISTORY I

Course Description: This course covers a broad survey of American history from New World exploration and settlement through the Civil War.

 Enrollment: Enroll anytime

AMERICAN HISTORY II

Course Description: This course covers a broad survey of American history from 1865 through the New Millennium.

 Enrollment: Enroll anytime

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

Course Description: This course provides students with an overview of business in an increasingly global society, serving as an introduction to business terminology, concepts, environments, systems, strategies, and current issues. Topics include an overview of the business environment, business ethics, entrepreneurship, global business, management, marketing, production, information systems, and financial elements of business. This course provides a solid business foundation for more detailed and higher-level study in subsequent courses.

 Enrollment: Enroll anytime

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Course Description: This course provides an introduction for undergraduate business students to information systems (IS). The course includes important topics related to IS, such as the drivers of IS, database concepts, IS development, and the types of systems used in organizations.

 Enrollment: Enroll anytime

Self-Paced Courses

BUSINESS LAW

Course Description: This course covers a broad survey of the principle areas of business law. It will explore the relationship between business and the law with respect to the following topics: torts, crimes, intellectual property, contracts, negotiable instruments, agency, employment, and forms of business organization. Students will also explore the relationship between business and the law with respect to ethics and social responsibility, government regulation, personal property, real property, and international trade. Students will gain a working knowledge of practical rules of law and legal terminology, as well as legal solutions for business-related issues.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Principles of Management is recommended*

BUSINESS MATH

Course Description: Business Math topics include a basic math review, business statistics, profit calculations, payroll, banking, interest calculations, insurance, taxes, and other business topics.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

COLLEGE ALGEBRA

Course Description: This course covers a broad survey of key concepts of college algebra. Students will be introduced to solving equations and inequalities, functions (including linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic), systems of equations and inequalities, and series and sequences.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

CRIMINAL COURTS

Course Description: This course provides students with an overview of the criminal justice system and its processes. It examines the courtroom work group, the trial process, and challenges to the process. It also provides an overview of the juvenile court system.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice & 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

Self-Paced Courses

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Course Description: This course teaches students the fundamentals of criminal investigation by examining the processes involved in identifying and arresting criminal suspects, identifying the types of crimes and offenses, and preparing for court.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice i& 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Course Description: This course introduces students to the criminal justice system and its three main components: law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. It reviews what constitutes a criminal offense, how crime is measured, and theories of crime causation. This course also looks at issues and challenges facing today's criminal justice system and examines possible future directions.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS

Course Description: This course looks at the ethical dilemmas and professional problems faced by criminal justice personnel. Students review various ethical perspectives and discuss the practical applicability of ethical ideals.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice & 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

CRIMINOLOGY

Course Description: This course introduces students to the study of crime and criminal behavior as well as to theories of crime causation. It reviews different types of crime and examines crime control policy.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Psychology & 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

Self-Paced Courses

CRITICAL THINKING

Course Description: This course is an introductory-level course that presents a variety of topics essential to a student's development in critical thinking. Students are introduced to concepts essential to the comprehension, analysis, and creation of arguments: induction, deduction, informal fallacies, Aristotelian and symbolic logic, modes of persuasion, perspective and bias, language and meaning, culminating in the development of reasonable strategies for belief formation.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Course Description: This course introduces students to the challenges and opportunities of entrepreneurship. It includes sound academic theory, success stories, case studies, and exercises in critical thinking to help students develop the understanding, skills, and plans needed to start a successful new business.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Course Description: This course explores the relationship between man and the environment. Students examine the balance between natural resources and the needs of mankind. Students explore the scientific, political, economic, and social implications of environmental science.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ETHICS

Course Description: This introductory-level course presents several ethical theories and explores contextual issues. Students are asked to examine ethical theories, moral assumptions, and moral principles, apply ethical theories to moral problems, construct a moral system utilizing a theoretical framework, and apply the system to contemporary moral issues.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

Self-Paced Courses

INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE

Course Description: This is an introductory course that provides students with a foundational knowledge of financial management. The course covers key language and terminology, time-value of money, financial markets and securities, financial statements, financial analysis, risk and return, valuation of stocks and bonds, capital budgeting and valuation, cost of capital and capital structure, working capital management, dividend policy, and international finance. Students are required to apply the various financial tools and understand how they impact financial decision-making.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Accounting II & 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Course Description: This course focuses on human resource management skills used by business managers in day-to-day operations. While focusing on the different aspects of human resource management and practices, problem solving and critical thinking skills are applied.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Principles of Management*

INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE

Course Description: This introductory-level course presents the elements and examples of three genres of literature: fiction, poetry, and drama. Students will learn the origins of literature and the purposes of the study of literature. Students will associate the study of literature and thinking skills, such as critical reading. Students will utilize thinking skills to research and apply literary criticism to analyze and critique various literary works in the context of discussing and writing about literature.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

Self-Paced Courses

MACROECONOMICS

Course Description: This course introduces foundational concepts of economic principles, such as opportunity costs, supply, and demand. However, the course focus is to explore primary macroeconomic principles, including measurement, real economy in the long run, money economy in the long run, macroeconomic fluctuations, and policy issues. You will be presented with real-world contemporary examples that apply theory to practice, demonstrating the relevance of macroeconomic thought.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT

Course Description: The Principles of Management course introduces students to management philosophies in today's changing world. It includes globalization, ethics, diversity, customer service, and innovation from a managerial perspective.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING

Course Description: This course provides students with a view of the principle areas of marketing. It explores the factors influencing how marketing decisions are made, including the impact of marketing decisions on an organization and its customers. Students gain a working knowledge of practical marketing and business vocabulary. Additionally, students analyze today's global, highly-competitive marketplace and evaluate how the actions of competitors influence marketing decisions.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

MICROECONOMICS

Course Description: The purpose of the course is for students to develop a logical, conceptual, and analytical understanding of microeconomic principles. This course introduces foundational concepts of economic principles, such as opportunity costs as well as supply and demand, and explores primary microeconomic principles, including efficiency and fairness in markets, government actions and their impacts, the decisions that consumers and producers make, different market structures from perfect competition to monopoly, and factor markets and income distribution. Students are presented with real-world contemporary examples that apply theory to practice, demonstrating the relevance of microeconomic thought.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

Self-Paced Courses

ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR

Course Description: This course examines organizational theory and application. It provides a comprehensive review of individual, group, and organizational performance in relation to organizational structures in contemporary business settings.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Psychology is recommended*

STATISTICS

Course Description: This course is designed to offer students the skills necessary to interpret and critically evaluate statistics commonly used to describe, predict, and evaluate data in an information-driven environment. The focus is on the conceptual understanding of how statistics can be used and how to evaluate statistical data.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

SUPERVISION


Course Description: Enhance your personal and professional learning agenda and welcome the challenges of supervision. In this course, you will learn about the roles and responsibilities of supervisors. The course builds from a foundation of fundamental skills through a pyramid of understanding the expanded scope of responsibilities for first-time, first-line supervisors through the chairman of the board in private, service, or public organizations.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

VICTIMOLOGY

Course Description: This course examines the causes of victimization and looks at theories associated with violent victimization. It analyzes the offender-victim relationship and presents ideas on preventing violence and responding to victimization.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Psychology & 1-2 years of college credit-earning experience recommended*

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ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

Course Description: This course covers an overview of the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. The course discusses each body system in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions and explains how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. In addition, the course discusses selected major pathologies, including disease definitions and causes, signs and symptoms, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments. Finally, the course discusses common issues and changes that occur in each body system throughout the lifespan.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY

Course Description: This course presents the key areas of biology at an introductory, post-secondary level. Students are introduced to the core disciplines of cellular biology, biotechnology, genetics, evolution, and ecology.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ENGLISH COMPOSITION I

Course Description: This course focuses on developing written communication skills with an emphasis on understanding the writing process, analyzing readings, and practicing writing for personal and professional applications.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ENGLISH COMPOSITION II

Course Description: This course builds on lessons learned in English Composition I. In addition to reviewing the writing process, students learn research techniques, citation techniques, documentation formats, and critical analysis of written topics.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

 *Prerequisites: English Composition I is recommended*

Facilitated Courses

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Course Description: This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, life-span development, and applied psychology.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Course Description: This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, new technology, and the growing influence of mass media.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

STUDENT SUCCESS

Course Description: This course provides students with the information and skills they need to succeed in their studies, including setting academic goals, managing time and financial resources to meet those goals, and developing an awareness of how they learn. Students also build thinking, listening, reading, studying, note-taking, test-taking, and information literacy skills. The course also includes discussions on stress management and career development. Throughout, students will apply critical thinking skills to solve problems and evaluate situations.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

ESSENTIALS OF SPEECH

Course Description: This course is designed as an introductory study of the principles of oral communication as transactional and adaptive interaction. Foundational elements of communication theory and practice will be emphasized. Particular attention will be placed on the development of preparatory, organizational, and presentational skills necessary for effective informative and persuasive presentations.

 *Enrollment: Enroll anytime*

Instructor-Led Courses

These instructor-led courses are term based, starting a new cohort of students monthly or quarterly based on specific course demand. Students in these courses will benefit from a more structured learning experience. Features include a structured study schedule with assignment due dates, a continuous feedback loop between the course facilitator and student, access to the course facilitator for content-based questions, and interaction with other students in the course.

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BUSINESS COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR MANAGERS

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to effective business communication skills, with an emphasis on the use of these skills as a manager. Students examine important elements of successful communication, analyze examples of effective communication, and practice communicating various business messages across a range of mediums, including professional writing, speeches, and presentations.

 *Enrollment: Term-based*

 *Prerequisites: English Composition I is recommended*

COMPUTER APPS FOR MANAGERS

Course Description: This course provides an overview of essential computer knowledge and skills aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. The course begins with the basics of using Windows, basic internet literacy, and basic internet searches. Students then step through targeted skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Students complete a Capstone Project that requires them to integrate the three Microsoft products to create two workplace deliverables. All assignments include starting templates and step-by-step visuals to support student learning.

 *Enrollment: Term-based*

Instructor-Led Courses

LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive survey of the physical, cognitive, and socioemotional changes that occur throughout a lifetime. Students analyze human growth through each of the major stages of development using key theories and the lifespan perspective. Topics include prenatal development, childhood, adulthood, and death and dying.

 *Enrollment: Term-based*

 *Prerequisites: Introduction to Psychology is recommended*

MATH FOR LIBERAL ARTS

Course Description: This survey course focuses on developing math literacy and problem-solving skills. Emphasis is placed on the applicability of mathematics to real-world situations. Topics include problem-solving, voting theory, graph theory, growth models, consumer mathematics, statistical methods, probability, set theory and logic, and counting systems.

 *Enrollment: Term-based*

SPANISH I

Course Description: This is an introductory course to the basic structures of the Spanish language with a cultural approach. Students review and use grammar, pronunciations of the sound system, and high-frequency language elements, such as verbs and phrases. The course activities emphasize practice with listening, speaking, and writing skills. Topics include nouns, adjectives, and articles and their agreement; formal and informal contexts; vocabulary; regular and irregular verbs in the present tense; greetings; asking questions; and everyday topics.

 *Enrollment: Term-based*