

## How to Search the Course Catalog

The Course Catalog contains a description of all current courses at UMass Boston. Note, however, that a particular course may not be offered during the current term. Each catalog entry contains:

- Title
- Catalog Number
- Units (credits) awarded for the course
- Description
- Course Component (Lecture, Lab, Discussion, etc.)
- Pre-requisites or co-requisites
- Distribution Requirements fulfilled by the course

To find out if and when a particular course is offered during the current term, you will need to search the **Schedule of Classes**, which changes each term.

### **Accessing the Course Catalog:**


If you are not yet a student at UMass Boston:

- Navigate to <http://wiser.umb.edu>
- Click [Guest Access to Course Catalog and Class Schedule](#)
- Follow the instructions below to search

If you are a current student at UMass Boston:

- Navigate to <http://wiser.umb.edu>
- Click on WISER for Students
- Click on Sign-In
- Enter your User ID and password to log into WISER Student Self Service.
- Click on **Course Catalog and Schedule**.
- Follow the instructions below to search.

### **Searching the Course Catalog:**

- Click **View Course Catalog**
- **Institution:** Click on the dropdown to select University of Mass Boston
- **Subject Area:** Enter the code for the department or subject area, such as ENGL for English or BIOL for Biology. If you do not know the code:
  - Click on the magnifying glass ()
  - Enter the first letter of the subject in the Description field (for example, enter "e" for English)
  - Click **Lookup**. A list of subjects will appear.

- If necessary, click the **View All** link to see all the search results. Scroll through the list and click on the desired subject. (You may click on any link in the row.) You will be returned to the previous page.
- Click **Search** to see all or some of the course descriptions for that Subject. You may be asked to click OK to continue.
- To narrow your search use either of the following methods:
  1. Enter the catalog number of a course (for example 101 for English 101). Then click Search.
  2. In the Catalog Number field enter 1 followed by two underscores (1\_\_) and change Exact Match to Wildcard. Click Search to view all the 100-level courses. Enter 2\_\_ to view the two-hundred-level courses, and so on.
- From the Catalog Search Results page, click the **Return to Search** link at either the top or bottom of the page to enter new search criteria.