Four-Digit Course Numbering System

1st Digit = Level
0*** Pre-collegiate. Courses which carry no-credit toward a degree or a credential
1*** Lower-division courses designed as freshman level, but also open to other students.
2*** Lower-division courses designed as sophomore level, but also open to other students.
3*** Upper-division courses designed as junior level; may be opened to “advanced” lower division students under special circumstances with prior approval.
4*** Upper-division courses designed as senior level not open to lower division students and may be used for post-baccalaureate or graduate credit with prior approval.
5*** Graduate courses open to “advanced” seniors, credential candidates, and graduate students.
6*** Graduate courses designed primarily for Classified graduate students.

2nd Digit = Sub-Area/Topic
Departments will assign up to 7 sub-areas (0-6) or use this digit for other organizational schemes to bring order to their own course numbering systems. Some digits can be left unused for later allocation.

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University-specified Numbers
*7** Special Topics (*77*), other combinations reserved for future use
*8** Independent/Individual Study Courses. Reserved course numbers include: 4800 Directed Research, 4840 Community Service Learning, 4850 Individual Study, 4860 Internship, 4870 Cooperative Education, 4880 Directed Study, and 4890 Experiential Prior Learning.
*9** Senior Seminar Courses (4900/4908) and other gateway courses for the major (2900/3900)

3rd Digit = Course-Distinguishing Number
This digit distinguishes between courses at the same level and within the same sub-area, e.g., Art 3110 (drawing), 3120 (painting), and 3130 (printmaking).

4th Digit = Variants
***0 Major courses offered as lecture/discussion or mixed lecture/lab/activity
***1 Lab or Activity section associated with a lecture course
***8 Courses satisfying both GE and Major requirements
***9 GE-only Courses