

# Course Descriptions

## The Listings

In cases where a course is associated with one particular professor, that professor's name is given as the instructor at the end of the course description. Sometimes, several professors' names are listed. Most departments, however, have a number of courses that are not associated with just one or several faculty members; rather, many members of the department regularly teach these courses. In these cases, "staff" is given as the instructor.

## Courses Offered in 2012-13: the Online Searchable Schedule

Kenyon's site on the World Wide Web includes an online searchable schedule with many useful features. The searchable schedule can be found at <http://www1.kenyon.edu/catalog>. Here, current students planning their schedule for 2012-13 can browse the courses being offered in the upcoming semester, including special topics courses. Users can search by department, by discipline, by course title or number, by instructor, by day or time, and in various other ways.

## Other Online Resources

The Web site of the Kenyon registrar's office, <http://registrar.kenyon.edu>, also has a good deal of information about courses, course schedules, and requirements. The Web pages of individual [departments and programs](#) contain much valuable information as well.

## QR Courses

The requirements for graduation include a quantitative-reasoning requirement. All students must earn at least .5 Kenyon unit of credit in a course, or courses, designated as fulfilling this requirement. The catalog indicates these courses with the abbreviation QR, placed after the course's credit information. For example, the listing for "Data Analysis" (MATH 206) appears as follows:

### **MATH 206. Data Analysis**

Credit: .5 unit QR

Students may use a course to satisfy the quantitative-reasoning requirement only if the course is listed as a QR course during the semester they take it. For an up-to-date list of QR courses, go to <http://registrar.kenyon.edu>.

## Prerequisites

Some courses list specific prerequisites. This information will be found at the end of the course description. The registrar's office enforces policies regarding prerequisites. Questions about prerequisites should be directed to department chairs and program directors.

## Cross-listed Courses

A number of academic departments, in their course listings, include courses from other departments or programs to satisfy diversification requirements. The introductory material of a department's section will call attention to the cross-listed courses to be found in the ensuing listings. Students should note that a course may or may not fulfill various requirements in the major courses of study in which it is cross-listed. For example, ENVS 112 (Introduction to

Environmental Studies), from the Environmental Studies Program, is cross-listed in the Department of Biology for the purpose of satisfying natural-sciences diversification, but the course does not count toward the biology major or minor. Students should read the course listings and other departmental information carefully. Questions should be directed to department chairs, program directors, and the registrar's office.

### **New Students**

In the following pages, each department or program offers information that will be especially helpful to first-year students, as well as to other students new to the field in question. Students interested in a particular field but wondering, "Where do I begin?" will learn how to get started. Students are also encouraged to seek guidance from their faculty advisors, and from department chairs and program directors.

### **Additional Courses**

The course listings and descriptions presented in this edition of the catalog are accurate as of **March 28, 2012**. Some departments may have added or deleted courses since that date. These changes are posted in "Course catalog—supplement," accessible from the [registrar's web page](#). The [web pages of individual departments](#) also have information on course offerings.