

Course Numbering at the University of Tokyo

Course numbering is the system of assigning appropriate codes to the various courses that allows specific information about a particular course, such as the phase or sequence in learning, the curriculum structure, to be displayed easily. The course numbering codes used at UTokyo are called the “Common Course Code” and are being implemented across all faculties and college from Academic Year 2017.

Furthermore, the Common Course Codes will be printed on the syllabus, transcripts and other relevant university documents.

1. Reasoning behind the Common Course Codes

(1) Supporting independent learning by students

The Common Course Code will allow students to understand the classification of the courses, standard phase or sequence in learning when they are considering which course to take.

The structure of the code has been unified throughout the whole university, allowing students to understand the curriculum structure in other departments.

(2) Promoting and obtaining understanding of the curriculum structure outside of the university

By opening the Common Course Code to the outside world, we hope that it will promote the understanding of university curriculum structure by those outside the university as well as smooth out the process of credit transfers and cooperation with universities overseas.

2. Structure of the Common Course Codes

The Common Course Code is made up of seven separate pieces of information and each course has its unique code.

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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

① Division Code

② Faculty/College Code

③ Department Code

④ Level Code

⑤ Sorting Number

⑥ Course Delivery Code

⑦ Language Code

- Please be aware that in principle the Common Course Code is fixed for each course and is not allocated each year and is different from the “course code” for the timetable of each semester/term used at the course registration.

<Explanation of each code>

① Division Code

One letter of the alphabet is used to indicate between the Junior Division (1st and 2nd year) and Senior Division (3rd and 4th year (3rd – 6th year for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences)) of the undergraduate level.

Division	Code
Junior Division	C
Senior Division	F

② Faculty/College Code

Two letters of the alphabet are used to indicate the faculty/college providing the course.

Faculty	Name in English	Code
法学部	Faculty of Law	LA
医学部	Faculty of Medicine	ME
工学部	Faculty of Engineering	EN
文学部	Faculty of Letters	LE
理学部	Faculty of Science	SC
農学部	Faculty of Agriculture	AG
経済学部	Faculty of Economics	EC
教養学部	College of Arts and Sciences	AS
教育学部	Faculty of Education	ED
薬学部	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	PH

③ Department Code

Two letters of the alphabet are used to indicate the department providing the course.

It may be used to indicate courses which are open to all undergraduate students (department-wide common courses, Common Undergraduate Courses, etc.)

For details on the department codes for each faculty/college, please see [3. List of “③ Department Code” and “⑤ Sorting Number” Codes for Each Faculty/College].

④ Level Code

This is used to indicate the appropriate student's year of study when they should take the course, or the order in which the student should take within the curriculum, during the four years of undergraduate studies (six years for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences) to register for the specific course.

However, it has to be noted that the level code and year of study does not always match.

Furthermore, this does not restrict the year of study when the course can be taken.

Level code	Description
1	Course suitable to be taken in the first year of the 4-year undergraduate level (6-year for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences)
2	Course suitable to be taken in the second year of the 4-year undergraduate level (6-year for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences) or meets the registration criteria of the Junior Division of the undergraduate level
3	Course suitable to be taken in the third year of the 4-year undergraduate level (6-year for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences)
4	Course is suitable to be taken in the fourth year of the 4-year undergraduate level (6-year for medicine, veterinary science and pharmaceutical sciences) or is suitable to be taken by the 4 th -year in the Senior Division of the undergraduate level

※Note Graduate level courses run by the Faculty/College (joint undergraduate/graduate courses) may be indicated with the number “5”

⑤ Sorting Number

A three-digit alphanumerical code is assigned to a course of which the first digit indicates the academic field of the course.

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⑥ Course Delivery Code

One letter of the alphabet is used to indicate how the course is delivered.

Category Code	Course Delivery Type
L	Lecture
S	Seminar
E	Experiment
P	Workshop/Practical
T	Thesis/Research/Project
Z	Others

⑦ Language Code

A number is used to indicate the language used in class.

Language Code	Type
1	Japanese only
2	Japanese and English
3	English only
4	Japanese and language other than English
5	Language other than Japanese or English only
9	Others

3. List of “③ Department Code” and “⑤ Sorting Number” Codes for Each Faculty/College

Faculty	Link to site listing codes
Arts and Sciences (Junior Division)	http://www.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eng_site/zenki/classes/commoncoursecode/
Law	http://www.j.u-tokyo.ac.jp/kyomu/shoumeisho.html
Medicine	(School of Medicine) http://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/education/faculty_syllabus.html (School of Integrated Health Sciences) http://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/education/hn_syllabus.html
Engineering	http://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/foe/education/index.html
Letters	http://www.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/student.html
Science	http://www.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/overview/other.html
Agriculture	http://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/gakubu.html
Economics	http://www.student.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/gakubu/rishu.html
Arts and Sciences (Senior Division)	http://www.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eng_site/fas/common-course-codes.html
Education	http://www.p.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~edudaiga/gakubu/g-keiji/2016/20170302kyotsukamokukode.pdf
Pharmaceutical Sciences	http://www.f.u-tokyo.ac.jp/students/