

## 2.1 Curriculum

### 2.1.1 What is a Curriculum?

A "curriculum" is a set of requirements for graduation and courses which may be taken. A student's curriculum is determined by the year of their enrollment, and with the exception of a change in enrollment status, it will not normally change during a student's time at APU.

#### Curriculum and Year of Enrollment

Curriculum Applied	Year Enrolled	Note
AY 2017 Curriculum	2017 Spring or later	-
AY 2011 Curriculum	2011 Spring - 2016 Fall	Curriculum remains the same regardless of readmission or reinstatement.

### 2.1.2 Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements and the subjects that students can take differ depending on the student's curriculum, enrollment basis language, and status as either a domestic or international student. Graduation requirements are listed in the sections for each curriculum. Please make sure you read these carefully.

\*Once a student has been designated a Japanese-basis Domestic student at the time of admission, even if the student's visa status is changed after admission, the graduation requirement to "Complete at least 20 credits of subjects held in English" will remain the same until graduation.

## 2.1.3 Systematic Study

Coursework at APU is arranged systematically, starting from introductory subjects and moving in increments of difficulty and complexity toward advanced courses. Students are encouraged to use the grade level, subject field, any listed prerequisite subjects, and registration criteria as a reference in choosing classes in a systematic manner. With the exception of courses with specific registration procedures, such as seminars, students are able to take any course at or below their grade level. However, the University recommends completing introductory and foundation subjects in a planned manner before attempting higher-level study.

### Grade Level

Each course corresponds to a particular level of study, indicated by a grade level code. The levels are as follows. You can confirm the grade number for each subject from the subject list. The criteria for registering for courses held in a student's non-basis language will vary by their language-basis. For further details, please refer to the page which applies to you.

Grade Level	Description	Grade Level	Description
100 level	Primarily for 1st year students	300 level	Primarily for 3rd year students
200 level	Primarily for 2nd year students	400 level	Primarily for 4th year students

### Prerequisite Subjects

In order to ensure that students take subjects in a systematic manner, there may be prerequisites assigned to specific subjects which students are required to complete to be eligible to register for the subjects. Prerequisites are shown on the subject list in section 2.2.14 (AY 2017 Curriculum) and 2.3.5 (AY 2011 Curriculum) respectively.

It should be noted that some subjects may have recommended prerequisites specified only on the syllabus, and are not included under the required "prerequisite subjects" on the subject list. Students may register for these subjects without completing the recommended prerequisites. However, as these subjects will be taught based on the assumption that students have completed the recommended subjects, please be sure to read the syllabus carefully and understand the requirements of each subject before registering.