

The University of Montana Western

Course Section Code Scheme

Montana Western uses course section codes to convey important course offering information. Course offering dates (sometimes called “parts-of-term”), approximate meeting times, and geographic location of a course offering may be identified via course section codes. Most section codes used in UMW class schedules (accessible via: *myUMW* <http://my.umwestern.edu/>, Dawgs <http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/>) will be three space listings and will follow the coding scheme outlined below; exceptions being extension courses offered through the UMW Outreach Dept. Western operates on a semester or term basis; the word “term” designates a 16-week semester or a 12-week summer session.

1st Space – designates what **part-of-term** (p-o-t) the course is offered, codes used include:

- 1-4 = designate **Fall Semester** block classes; (1=1st block, 2=2nd block, 3=3rd block, 4=4th block)
- 5-8 = designate **Spring Semester** block classes; (5=1st block, 6=2nd block, 7=3rd block, 8=4th block)
- A-C = designate **Summer Session** block classes; (A=1st block, B=2nd block, C=3rd block)
- F = a full-term (Fall & Spring=16-week, SS=12-week) class, also called a “string” or “stringer” class
- G = 1st-half of the semester (blocks 1 & 2, or, 5 & 6), or, blocks A & B of Summer Session
- H = 2nd-half of the semester (blocks 3 & 4, or, 7 & 8), or, blocks B & C of Summer Session
- X = start/end dates fall outside above p-o-t offerings (R, S, T, U, V, W, Y, Z may also be used in rare instances); check course start/end dates on DAWGS Class Search for more information*

I = Extension Internet class

2nd Space – designates the **approximate time of day** course meets, or differentiates multiple sections:

- A = morning (AM)
- P = afternoon (PM)
- N = night or evening
- D = all or most of the day (mix morning/afternoon/evening/night)
- W = weekend classes
- M = (2nd or) multiple sections of the same course offered during same p-o-t at same location
- T = To-be-announced
- Various other letters = ID courses w/same number & dept but different content

3rd Space – designates the **course location** (or special section) as follows:

- 0-9 = on campus courses
- I = Internet course (state-supported non-Extension)
- J = Internet with (limited) face-to-face meetings
- A = Hamilton
- B = Butte (ECE, PDS, etc)
- G = Great Falls
- H = Helena
- L = Billings
- M = Missoula
- P = Pablo, Salish Kootenai College
- T = transitory, other locations, or TBA*
- V = Havre
- Z = Bozeman
- Y = Montana Youth Challenge course
- X = Extension course (restricted enrollment)

Exception to the three space section code scheme above: a single “0” = zero (no other letters or numbers) section code designates multiple directed study, independent study or experimental courses that may have the same dept/rubric and same course number, but course titles/content and credits will vary.