

# PUBLIC USER'S MANUAL

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Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System facilitates the transfer of students among Florida's postsecondary institutions. By Florida law, an institution accepting a transfer student from another participating institution must award credit for courses which are equivalent to courses offered by the receiving institution that have been satisfactorily completed at the previous institution, including consideration of faculty credentials. Credits awarded must satisfy the requirements of the receiving institution on the same basis as credits awarded to native students.

The Statewide Course Numbering System is a classification system based on course content. A course is identified by a prefix, level number, course number, and lab code.

- The **prefix** is a three-letter abbreviation representing a broad subject area.
- The **level number** is the FIRST numeric digit of the course number, representing the year in college the course is usually taken:
  - 0 = college preparatory or vocational
  - 1-2 = lower-level college courses (freshman, sophomore)
  - 3-4 = upper-level college courses (junior, senior)
  - 5-9 = graduate courses
- The three-digit **course number** identifies the specific content of the course.
- The **lab code** is used to indicate that a course is a laboratory component of a lecture/lab pair, or that an integrated lab is a component of a combined course. If no lab code is specified, the course does not include a laboratory component.
  - L = lab section of a lecture/lab pair
  - C = combined lecture/lab course

The following is an example of a course identifier:

| <b><u>PREFIX (subject area)</u></b> | <b><u>LEVEL</u></b> | <b><u>COURSE NUMBER</u></b> | <b><u>LAB CODE</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| AMH                                 | 4                   | 571                         | --                     |

In this example, AMH 4571 is an Early African-American History course within the American History (AMH) subject area that is taught at the upper (senior) level. The course has no lab component.

The system uses the prefix and three digit course number to represent equivalent courses. Institutions may use their own titles to describe the course content. There are some categories of courses that are exceptions, and transfer is not guaranteed. Those exceptions include the following:

1. Courses not offered by the receiving institution.
2. For courses at non-regionally accredited institutions, courses offered prior to the established transfer date of the course in question.
3. Courses in the X900-999 series are not automatically transferrable, and must be evaluated individually.
4. College preparatory and vocational preparatory courses (0-level).
5. Graduate courses.
6. Internships, apprenticeships, practicums, clinical experiences and study-abroad courses with numbers other than those in the X900-999 series.
7. Applied courses in the performing arts (Art, Dance, Interior Design, Music, and Theatre [TPP x000-x299]) and skills courses in Criminal Justice are not guaranteed as transferrable.

Dual enrollment courses completed in high school, and credit completed by examination for which credit is awarded by a participating institution, will transfer on the same basis as courses satisfactorily completed at the participating institution. The receiving institution is never precluded from accepting non-equivalent courses to satisfy certain requirements (e.g., electives).

More information about the SCNS can be found in the SCNS Handbook on the homepage.

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## THE SCNS HOME PAGE



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Run Reports of SCNS course information.

Useful links to additional information.

Search or browse for institution or statewide courses.

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Context-sensitive help screens on every page.

# Statewide Course Numbering System

For assistance, please contact: [Administrator](#).



Welcome to Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System. Created in the 1960s, it is a key component of Florida's K-20 seamless system of articulation. The system provides a database of post-secondary courses at public vocational-technical centers, community colleges, universities, and participating nonpublic institutions. The assigned numbers describe course content to improve research, assist program planning, and facilitate the transfer of students.

Please use the links on the top to find institution course information, reports, and more about the SCNS and articulation in Florida.

### Latest News

Information updates.

### Institution Contacts & Discipline Coordinators

Username:

Password:

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System login for SCNS Staff, Institution Contacts, and Discipline Coordinators. Login not required for public users.



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## **SEARCHING AND BROWSING FOR COURSES**

On the home page, click the **Find A Course** tab. Three options appear: **Find an Institution**, **Find an Institution Course** and **Find a Statewide Course**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the SCNS website at [fscns.fldoe.org/Default.aspx](https://fscns.fldoe.org/Default.aspx). The page title is "Statewide Course Numbering System". The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, FIND A COURSE (with dropdown options: Find an Institution, Find an Institution Course, Find a Statewide Course), REPORTS, DOWNLOAD, RELATED LINKS, ARTICULATION, and HELP. A session timer indicates "Session Time Left : 30 minutes". The main content area features a graduation cap icon and text about the system's history and purpose. It also includes sections for "Latest News" (Courses at Non-Regionally Accredited Institutions Feb 2022) and "Institution Contacts & Discipline Coordinators" (with a login form for Username: SANGEETHA and Password: .....). A "Log In" button and a "Forgot Password / First-Time Login" link are present.

Click on **Find an Institution Course** to look for a specific course number at a specific school. If you need more general information, you would choose **Find a Statewide Course**.

Clicking on **Find an Institution Course** gives you the following screen:

Institution Course Search x + flscns.fldoe.org/PblInstituteCourseSearch.aspx

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Session Time Left : 40 minutes

Institution Search / Institution Course Search

Search Courses Browse Courses

Find a course that contains:

15 records per page

Institution Name (ALL)

Discipline (All)

Prefix (All)

Course Status Active Course Number FROM... TO...

Course Title COURSE TITLE CONTAINS...

Course Description COURSE DESCRIPTION CONTAINS...

Search Reset Filters



The blue tabs give you the option to Search Courses or Browse Courses. Searching is a more specific option, when you are seeking information about a particular course or discipline at a particular school. Browsing is more generalized, and allows you to look through the entire range of courses offered at a particular institution or statewide. This is useful if the user is unfamiliar with a specific discipline and needs assistance in choosing a course number for a New Course request.

The other tab, **Find a Statewide Course**, lets you browse the entire SCNS course taxonomy.

Taxonomy List

flscns.fldoe.org/TaxonomyList.aspx

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Session Time Left : 40 minutes

Institution Search / Institution Course Search / Taxonomy List

Search Statewide Course Browse Statewide Course

Search Statewide Course

15 records per page

Discipline (ALL) Prefix (All)

Course Number Range From... To...

Discipline Title WORD(S) IN DISCIPLINE TITLE... Prefix Title WORD(S) IN PREFIX TITLE...

Century Title WORD(S) IN CENTURY TITLE... Decade Title WORD(S) IN DECADE TITLE...

Course Title WORD(S) IN COURSE TITLE... Course Description WORD(S) IN COURSE DESCRIPTION...

Search Reset Filters

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Statewide Course Numbering System



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Under **Search Statewide Course**, you can input filtering terms to narrow your search results; this is useful if you are seeking related courses but do not have a specific course number or title.

On any of these pages, clicking the **Reset Filters** button will clear your choices and allow you to start a new search.

Clicking **Browse Statewide Courses** brings you to this screen:

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the Florida Department of Education's Taxonomy List. The URL is flscns.fl doe.org/TaxonomyList.aspx. The page features the Florida Department of Education logo and navigation links for HOME, FIND A COURSE, REPORTS, DOWNLOAD, RELATED LINKS, ARTICULATION, and HELP. A session timer at the top right indicates 40 minutes left. The main content area is titled "Browse Statewide Courses" and includes search filters for Discipline (set to "(ALL)"), Prefix (set to "(All)"), and Number Range (set to "(All)"). There are "Search" and "Reset Filters" buttons. Below the search area is the "FLORIDA S C N S Statewide Course Numbering System" logo. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and NextDoor, along with links for Privacy Statement, Public Records, and Accessibility.

This is highly useful if you know what discipline area you need but are not sure of the available prefixes, or if you know the prefix but not the appropriate number range. You can select a general discipline area from the dropdown box, or you can select (or enter) a specific prefix, then click **Search**. For example, choose the discipline History from the Discipline dropdown, and then open the Prefix dropdown to see what prefixes are available under the History discipline:

Taxonomy List

flscns.fldoe.org/TaxonomyList.aspx

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Session Time Left : 40 minutes

Institution Search / Institution Course Search / Taxonomy List

Search Statewide Course | Browse Statewide Course

Browse Statewide Courses

Discipline: HISTORY

Prefix: (All)

Number Range: (All)

AFH - AFRICAN HISTORY  
AMH - AMERICAN HISTORY  
ASH - ASIAN HISTORY  
EUH - EUROPEAN HISTORY  
HIS - GENERAL HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY  
LAH - LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY  
WOH - WORLD HISTORY

Set Filters

Statewide Course Numbering System

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By choosing a Discipline only and clicking **Search**, you will open the taxonomy for that discipline. If there is more than one prefix, you can then choose a particular prefix and click the blue arrow to open that topic area:

|  |                      |   |
|--|----------------------|---|
| 169  | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">HEALTH SCIENCES/RESOURCES</a>         |
| 101  | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">HEALTH/LEISURE/PHYSICAL EDUCATION</a> |
| 037  | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">HISTORY</a>                           |
| <a href="#">AFH - AFRICAN HISTORY</a>                                  |                      |   |
| <a href="#">AMH - AMERICAN HISTORY</a>                                 |                      |   |
| 000-099 <a href="#">INTRODUCTIONS AND SURVEYS, LOWER DIVISION</a>      |                      |   |
| 100-199 <a href="#">AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877</a>                       |                      |   |
| 200-299 <a href="#">AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1877</a>                    |                      |   |
| 300-399 <a href="#">TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY</a>                     |                      |   |
| 400-499 <a href="#">AREAS IN AMERICAN HISTORY</a>                      |                      |   |
| 500-599 <a href="#">SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY</a>             |                      |   |
| 600-699 <a href="#">SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY (CONTINUED)</a> |                      |   |
| 700-799 <a href="#"> </a>  |                      |   |
| 800-899 <a href="#">HISTORY OF CANADA</a>                              |                      |   |
| 900-999 <a href="#">GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES</a>               |                      |   |
| <a href="#">ASH - ASIAN HISTORY</a>                                    |                      |   |
| <a href="#">EUH - EUROPEAN HISTORY</a>                                 |                      |   |
| <a href="#">HIS - GENERAL HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY</a>               |                      |   |
| <a href="#">LAH - LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY</a>                           |                      |   |
| <a href="#">WOH - WORLD HISTORY</a>                                    |                      |   |
| 420  | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE</a> |
| 117  | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT</a>            |

Under each prefix, you will see that there are ten groups of one hundred numbers. These are called “centuries,” and deal with broadly related topics. If you click the blue arrow for a particular century, you will see it opens up to ten groups of ten course numbers, called “decades,” which are more narrowly-related subject areas.

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| <a href="#">View</a>   |  HISTORY |
|  |   |
|  AFH - AFRICAN HISTORY                                    |   |
|  AMH - AMERICAN HISTORY                                   |   |
|  000-099 INTRODUCTIONS AND SURVEYS, LOWER DIVISION        |   |
|  100-199 AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877                         |   |
|  100-109 UNITED STATES TO 1877                            |   |
|  110-119 UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1789                    |   |
|  120-129  |   |
|  130-139 UNITED STATES HISTORY, 1763 TO 1789              |   |
|  140-149 UNITED STATES HISTORY, 1789 TO 1828              |   |
|  150-159 AGE OF JEFFERSON AND JACKSON                     |   |
|  160-169 UNITED STATES HISTORY, 1828 TO 1850              |   |
|  170-179 UNITED STATES HISTORY, 1850 TO 1877              |   |
|  180-189  |   |
|  190-199 SEMINAR IN U.S. HISTORY TO 1877                 |   |
|  200-299 AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1877                    |   |
|  300-399 TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY                     |   |
|  400-499 AREAS IN AMERICAN HISTORY                      |   |
|  500-599 SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY             |   |
|  600-699 SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY (CONTINUED) |   |
|  700-799  |   |
|  800-899 HISTORY OF CANADA                              |   |
|  900-999 GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES               |   |

By opening up a particular decade, you will find up to ten closely-related course numbers (all numbers may not be in use).

| View   HISTORY                                    |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | ► AFH - AFRICAN HISTORY                                       |  |
|   | ► AMH - AMERICAN HISTORY                                      |  |
| 000-099 INTRODUCTIONS AND SURVEYS, LOWER DIVISION |   |  |
|   | ► 000-009 INTRODUCTORY SURVEY                                 |  |
|   | ► 010-019 INTRODUCTORY SURVEY TO 1877                         |  |
|   | ► 020-029 INTRODUCTORY SURVEY SINCE 1877                      |  |
|   | ► 030-039 INTRODUCTORY SURVEY SINCE 1900                      |  |
|   | ► 040-049 INTRODUCTORY SURVEY, SPECIAL TOPICS                 |  |
|   | ► 050-059 SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY                  |  |
|   | ► 060-069 SURVEY OF THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH                  |  |
|   | ► 070-079 SURVEY OF FLORIDA HISTORY                           |  |
| AMH 070 SURVEY OF FLORIDA HISTORY                 |   |  |
|   | AMH 071 SURVEY OF EARLY HIST. OF FLORIDA -- RESERVED          |  |
|   | AMH 072 INTRODUCTION TO FLORIDA HISTORY - AS ONLY -- RESERVED |  |
|   | AMH 073 HISTORY OF THE GULF COAST (L) -- RESERVED             |  |
| AMH 074 INTRODUCTION TO FLORIDA HISTORY           |   |  |
|   | AMH 075 FLORIDA STUDIES I -- RESERVED                         |  |
| AMH 076 FLORIDA STUDIES II                        |   |  |
|   | AMH 077 COLLOQUIUM IN TWENTIETH CENTURY TOURISM               |  |
| AMH 078 THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE IN FLORIDA         |   |  |
|   | AMH 079 SURVEYS OF THE HISTORY OF FLORIDA REGIONS             |  |
| 080-089 SURVEY OF THE AMERICAN WEST               |   |  |
|   | ► 090-099 HISTORY OF SPECIFIC POPULATION GROUPS               |  |
| ► 100-199 AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877                |   |  |
|   | ► 200-299 AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1877                         |  |
|   | ► 300-399 TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY                          |  |

You will occasionally see a course title in italics, with the word “Reserved” after it. This means that the course was formerly taught at one or more schools, but is no longer being offered by any institution in Florida. Course numbers stay on reserve for five years to allow students who took the course to graduate; after five years, the number can be re-used for any new course that fits the decade topic.

In the example below, note that course numbers NUR 451 and 461 just have the word “Reserved” with no course title. That means those numbers have finished their 5-year reserve period and are available for immediate re-use for a proposed new course. NUR 466 and 468 have a course title in italics, followed by the word Reserved. That means those numbers have not yet completed their 5-year reserve period. A number can be re-used sooner than five years if the new course is very similar to the reserved course.

|  |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
|  | 450-459 | ADVANCED MATERNAL/INFANT NURSING                               |
|  | NUR 450 | ADVANCED CONCEPTS OBSTETRICS                                   |
|  | NUR 451 | -- RESERVED  |
|  | NUR 455 | MATERNAL-INFANT NURSING  |
|  | 460-469 | GENERAL MATERNAL/INFANT/CHILD MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING         |
|  | NUR 460 | MATERNAL/INFANT/CHILD HEALTH                                   |
|  | NUR 461 | -- RESERVED  |
|  | NUR 462 | NURSING III  |
|  | NUR 463 | MATERNAL/INFANT/CHILD HEALTH                                   |
|  | NUR 464 | PARENT-CHILD NURSING II  |
|  | NUR 465 | CHILDBEARING/CHILDRARING                                       |
|  | NUR 466 | <i>CLINICAL PRACTICUM III</i> -- RESERVED                      |
|  | NUR 467 | MATERNAL AND PEDIATRIC NURSING CARE CLINICAL                   |
|  | NUR 468 | <i>CARE OF WOMEN AND CHILDBEARING FAMILIES (L)</i> -- RESERVED |