

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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Subject: Upper Division Criteria

Guidelines listed below have been established for the designation as upper division courses. The guidelines should be used when creating new courses and for revising existing courses. The College Senate Curriculum Committee will use the guidelines in the approval process for upper division courses.

A course that has upper division designation (300 or 400 level) reflects evidence of at least two of the following criteria:

- A. Prerequisite course, courses, or instructor permission.
- B. Course content, assessment, and learning outcomes demonstrating evidence of greater focus or depth in the content than lower-level, introductory or survey courses.
- C. Course content, assessment, and learning outcomes targeting a higher-order of critical thinking than lower-level, introductory or survey courses.