

Glossary

Academic Advisement Report	An unofficial degree audit. Available on RAMSS my.ryerson.ca to most undergraduate students.
Academic Standing	Statement of a student's overall academic performance at Ryerson; used to decide a student's eligibility for honours, promotion, graduation, and the like. There are five Academic Standings at Ryerson: Clear, Probationary, Required to Withdraw, Permanent Program Withdrawal, and Disciplinary Suspension.
Advanced Standing	An Offer of Admission condition that recognizes the completion of similar post-secondary courses or programs by granting admission into a level higher than first semester.
Anti-requisite	Courses that contain similar content and therefore cannot both be used towards fulfilling degree requirements.
Audit (a class)	A student who is auditing a course is given special permission to attend lectures and learn the subject, but they do not get academic credit.
Billing Units	The measure used to calculate undergraduate tuition fees.
Co-requisite	A course that must be taken concurrently with, or prior to, another course.
Collaborative Program	An academic program offered jointly by Ryerson and Ontario College partners.
Convocation	The graduation ceremony where eligible students are conferred their academic award and are presented with their graduation award document (parchment). See <i>Graduation</i> .
Core Courses	Courses that comprise an essential knowledge base for a career or further study. In many programs these are labelled as Required courses.
Course Intention	The first step in the enrolment process where students pre-select the courses they expect to take in the upcoming academic year.
Course Numbers	All current Ryerson courses are identified by a unique alpha-numeric code. The first three letters identify the subject area. The digits indicate whether the courses is a one- or two-term course; three digits signifies a one-term course and two digits plus the "A/B" qualifier signifies a two-term course.
Course Outline	Also called course syllabus; a detailed summary of course content and requirements which is distributed by the instructor at the beginning of the term in accordance with the Course Management Policy.
Course Substitution/Course Directive	The assessment and approval of a curriculum exception where one course is used as a replacement for another course or is used to fulfill the requirements of an elective group.

Cumulative grade point average (CGPA) / Grade Point Average (GPA)	An average calculated as an indicator of overall academic performance; a criterion for graduation requirements, for honours standing or other academic distinctions and for determining Academic Standing; calculated as the sum of the products of GPA weights and earned grade points, divided by the sum of the GPA weights, and rounded up to the next higher second decimal place. See How to Calculate CGPA .
Curriculum	The prescribed plan of study, approved by Ryerson Senate, leading to a certificate, diploma or degree. The courses that must be successfully completed for the fulfillment of a degree
Deferred Grade or an Incomplete Grade (INC)	An interim grade assigned during the investigation of academic misconduct (as described under the Student Code of Academic Conduct). The deferred grade will be replaced by an official course grade upon resolution of the matter.
Direct Entry	A post-secondary degree pathway from college to university which recognizes the completion of a specific College diploma. Credits earned in specific programs at an Ontario College are applied towards <i>direct entry</i> or <i>advanced standing</i> at Ryerson.
Departmental Permission Required	<p>Yes whenever a course has "Department Consent Required" listed as a prerequisite, it means that you need the permission of the teaching department to add it or swap into a section of it. This is usually done to prevent students from outside of a specific program or group of programs, from being able to take the course.</p> <p>Whenever you see this you simply need to contact the teaching department (in this case us) to be added in manually.</p>
Failure for Non-Attendance (FNA)	A grade awarded by an instructor when the student has been absent from most course meetings and has submitted no work for grading.
Graduation	The receipt of an academic degree or certificate, marking the completion of studies. Students are required to apply to graduate, it is not an automatic process. The ceremony where degrees and certificates are conferred is called <i>Convocation</i> .
Honours Graduation	A distinction recorded on a graduating student's transcript and graduation award document when an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher is achieved in an undergraduate program.
Internship	Opportunity for students to apply their knowledge and skills in a practical context; a workplace experience, integral to the degree, in the student's field of study.
Letter of Permission	A request for approval that is required for Ryerson students wishing to take courses at another institution for credit toward their Ryerson degree. Request must be submitted prior to taking the courses at the other institution.
Liberal Studies	Studies that develop the capacity to understand and appraise the social and cultural context in which the graduate will work as a professional and live as an educated citizen. Courses are indicated as follows, LL—Lower Level, UL—Upper Level, some language courses can be both LL and UL. If it does not say either "LL" or "UL", in the course description, it is not a Liberal Studies course.
Minor	A minor is a grouping of 6 or more courses, mainly outside the major, selected by a student from an established minor curriculum . Minors are noted on a student's Official Transcript.

Non-credit course	A course for which no credit is granted towards a certificate, diploma or degree. A grade may or may not be assigned.
Pass-Fail Course	A course graded only as pass or fail, and is not used in the calculation of Cumulative Grade Point Average.
Post-baccalaureate program	Requires completion of a bachelor's degree program for admission consideration. Post-baccalaureate programs normally lead to a second bachelor's degree, a certificate or a professional credential.
Prerequisite	A specific course that must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in an advanced course.
Program Department	The academic department responsible for the administration of one or more programs.
Semester	The teaching term – normal length in each semester is 12 weeks, with the exception of Bachelor of Engineering programs, which has a 13-week semester. At the end of a semester, students are evaluated, and awarded credits for successful completion of each course.
Teaching Department	The academic department responsible for the development, teaching and grading of a specific course.
Term	Ryerson has three Academic Terms in the year: Fall (September - December), Winter (January- April) and Spring/Summer (May- August). See Semester.
Transcript	A record of courses taken and grades earned at Ryerson.
Transfer Credit	Credit achieved through an acceptable grade in an equivalent course completed at another post-secondary institution (as determined by the Ryerson course teaching department).