Translation of SIS Course Requirements

Several questions have been raised about the translation of course requirements in SIS to how these same rules are enforced in PeopleSoft. There is not a one-to-one translation. The Student Records team has used several features of PeopleSoft to translate the former rules to the new system.

The three main features used are enrollment requirements, reserve capacity and repeat rules.

Enrollment requirements are enforced when students attempt to enroll for a class. They are visible through the class schedule to everyone.

Where can I see the pre-requisites in the class schedule?

The first step to find out if a class has a pre-requisite is to search for the sections that are being offered for a course. In this example, you are wondering if ACC 240 has a pre-requisite. Use the class search feature to find sections of ACC 240. Once you have found a class section, click on the section value. It will look like Section 1001-Lec(72793).

After you have clicked on the section you will get the CLASS DETAILS page and half-way down the page you will see ENROLLMENT INFORMATION. Any pre-requisites for the class are listed here.

Looking at a pre-requisite for a class
Reserve capacity

The SIS had the feature that some colleges used where the requirements during pre-registration differed from the requirements used during on-line registration. For example, during pre-registration enrollment was restricted to majors-only and then later any student was allowed to enroll. The Student Records team decided to translate this feature by using reserve capacity.

Reserve capacity is being enforced from March 1st to April 2nd. During this timeframe all seats in the class are reserved for a special population. This population is the students that satisfy the previous ‘pre-registration’ course edits.

The reserve capacity rules are not visible on the public class schedule. Only those who have access to the class schedule through the administrative interface can see these rules. If an unqualified student attempts to register during the March 1st to April 2nd timeframe, they will receive a reserve capacity error message.

Repeat Rules

Some course edits enforced rules that said “If you had already taken course A, you could not take course B”. This type of course edit is not coded as an enrollment requirement but as a repeat rule.