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Understanding Course Description Information

The course description data that appears in the University Bulletins is directly imported from LionPATH, the student information system. At several times within an academic year, new or updated course description information is approved by the Faculty Senate and entered into LionPATH. This updated information subsequently appears in the University Bulletins on the date(s) it takes effect.

What course description data is currently showing in the University Bulletins?

There are three course effective dates within an academic year. These effective dates correspond to the first day of the summer, fall, and spring semesters. The University Bulletins shows course description data that is active as of the current semester. On the date a new semester begins, the course description information is updated on the same day to match that course data.

Course Description Update Calendar

May 11, 2026: University Bulletins begins showing course description information that is active for the Summer 2026 semester

August 17, 2026: University Bulletins begins showing course description information that is active for the Fall 2026 semester

December 21, 2026: University Bulletins begins showing course description information that is active for the Spring 2027 semester

Previous Versions of Course Description Information

If a course description is updated after the beginning of an academic year, the previous course description information for that course can be found on the Changes to the UG Bulletin page (p.). Course description information from past years can be found in the appropriate archived Bulletin edition (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>).