



AEA Navigation Guide

What is d-clearance and how do I request it?

D-clearance, also known as d-class, means department approval is required for course registration. If a course has a “D” behind the course section number, you will not be able to register for the course unless d-clearance is granted. To find d-clearance information, complete the steps below.

- 1** Access the [Schedule of Classes](#)
 - Select the applicable semester.
 - The course offerings are categorized in three groups: “By School”, “By Program”, and “General Education”.
- 2** Select “**By Program**” and then select the course subject to find d-clearance information for the course. For example, for WRIT 150 d-clearance information, select “WRIT” from the list of programs.


Fall 2025 Courses By School **By Program** General Education
- 3** Follow the **d-clearance or d-class instructions** found at the top of the course subject page. Instructions may include directions to submit a form, contact the department by phone or email, or access a department website for additional information.
 **Sections with this symbol require departmental clearance by the department teaching the course**
Departmental Clearance for undergraduates is available in [\(contact information\)](#)
- 4** When submitting a d-clearance request, provide:
 - Your full name and USC ID number
 - The course subject and number, e.g. WRIT 150
 - The five-digit section number for the course that ends with a “D” e.g. 11111D

Each department has their own d-clearance request process and d-clearance evaluation criteria. Receiving d-clearance is not guaranteed.

If granted, d-clearance can expire and does not guarantee a seat in the class.