Class standing or classification is determined by the total number of credit hours earned. Students are considered part of the following classifications based on the credit hours indicated:

- Freshman (first-year student): 0-29 hours
- Sophomore: 30-59 hours
- Junior: 60-89 hours
- Senior: 90 or more hours

Some courses have restrictions based on classification. For example, certain sections of PHIL 203 are only open to freshmen while others like major capstone courses are only available to seniors. Eligibility certifications for financial aid or the NCAA may have different rules based on classification and/or number of credit hours attempted or earned.