

Course Numbering System

The course numbers are made up of numbers and letters that represent the name of the program and the sequence of the courses.

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| <p>Professional Baseball Umpiring Program</p> <p>The Professional Baseball Umpiring program is comprised of four weeks of umpire theory and on-field application, introduction to baseball protocol and rules, the mechanics of baseball umpiring, current positioning theory, professional ethics and philosophy, and integrated and simulated, as well as live game, situations.</p> <p>Our objective is to train and evaluate umpire candidates for positions in professional, independent professional, college, and local amateur baseball.</p> |
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| Course # | Course Title | Description | Clock Hours |
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| WPBU 100 | Introduction and History of Professional Baseball Umpiring | A comprehensive introduction to the rules and traditions, including historical references. | 5 |
| WPBU 101 | Rules of Professional Baseball and Practical Enforcement Procedures | A study of the <i>Official Baseball Rules</i> , including explanations and interpretations. | 35 |
| WPBU 102 | Professional Ethics and Protocol | Discussion of professional umpire responsibilities and deportment. | 5 |
| WPBU 103 | Equipment Requirements and Baseball Safety | A detailed examination of proper umpire equipment and apparel. Proper wear and maintenance will be covered. | 10 |
| WPBU 104 | Fundamentals of Proper Umpire Positioning (Classroom) | A study of the two, three, and four-man umpire systems. | 50 |
| WPBU 105 | Plate and Base Umpire Positioning (Field Work) | Training conducted through the process of demonstration by Wendelstedt Staff members of proper footwork and positioning. | 25 |
| WPBU 106 | Proper Signals and Mechanics | Training conducted through the process of demonstration by Wendelstedt Staff members of proper mechanics and signals. | 5 |
| WPBU 107 | Developing an Accurate and Consistent Strike Zone | Extensive training of plate work through repetitious training using pitching machines. | 15 |
| WPBU 108 | Drills, Control Games, Camp Games, Live Games | A comprehensive explanation and training of the following criteria: Attitude, Coordination, Instinct, Mobility, Hustle, Timing, Judgment, Positioning, Aggressiveness, Voice, and Rules Interpretations on the field. | 55 |
| WPBU 109A | Handling Situations (Classroom) | A study of the <i>Rules of Professional Baseball</i> as they pertain to ejections, weather, and handling other unusual situations. | 10 |
| WPBU 109B | Handling Situations (Field Work) | A practical training of the methods of 109A for on-the-field application. | 20 |
| WPBU 110 | Critiques and Evaluations | Consist of progressive reports throughout the course, as well as a final evaluation conducted by the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School staff. | 10 |

One clock hour is equal to 50 minutes of instructor led training followed by an appropriate break.