

How Many Credits Do I Need to Graduate?

Most degree programs require at least 183 credits. The chart below begins with the total credits of 183 required for most (not all) degrees and gives a snapshot of how credits are distributed across different kinds of requirements (UREQ, major(s), minor(s), and electives). This also gives students a sense of flexibility in how their credits may be used (e.g., major + minor + electives; double major + electives; major + minors + fewer electives).

“The final responsibility for completing graduation requirements rests with the student.”

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<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
183	Most BA and BS degrees (some degrees require more credit hours, see UREQ Chart for specific degree requirements on the next page)
-72	Undergraduate Requirements (Foundations and Core) Foundations = 60 (usually taken in years one and two) *First-Year Seminar (FSEM 1111) = 4 (first quarter) First-Year Inquiry and Writing Sequence (WRIT) 2 4-credit classes = 8 (usually 2nd and 3rd quarter) Arts and Humanities (AHUM) 2 4-credit classes = 8 (must be classes from two different disciplines) Social Sciences (SOCS) 2 4-credit classes = 8 (must be classes from two different disciplines) Foreign Language (FOLA) 3 4-credit classes = 12 (usually year-long sequence; competency-based) Mathematics and Computer Sciences (MATC) 1 4-credit class = 4 Creative Expression (CREX) 1 4-credit class = 4 (4 1-credit Music Performance Ensemble courses = CREX requirement, IF not being used toward a music degree) Natural Science (NATS) 3 4-credit classes = 12 (usually year-long sequence) Thematic Core = 12 (usually taken in junior and senior years, one of which must be writing intensive) Communities and Environments 1 4-credit class = 4 Change and Continuity 1 4-credit class = 4 Self and Identities 1 4-credit class = 4
111	CREDITS REMAINING
-40 to 45	Majors - most BA majors require a minimum of 40 credits, and most BS majors require a minimum of 45 credits (some majors require more credits, see Undergraduate Bulletin for details)
71 or 66	CREDITS REMAINING
-24	Minor – some minors require as few as 20 credits and some more than 24, see Undergraduate Bulletin for details
47 or 42	CREDITS REMAINING
	Electives, second major, second minor BA degree students must complete at least 1 major and 1 minor or 2 majors. Upper division credit requirement - At least 75 of the 183 credit hours must be from upper division credit classes, those numbered 2000 or higher. Foundation classes are typically numbered between 1000 and 1999 and do not apply to this requirement.

NOTE: This table is specifically organized to reflect the credit requirements for a “generic” bachelors degree.

If you have specific questions about UREQ requirements for particular majors (e.g., Business majors), you should consult the chart on the following page and the contact numbers (listed at the beginning of this handbook) for particular major requirements.

***Dropping the FSEM:** Students who drop or fail their First-Year Seminar may NOT repeat the course, and the W or F assigned for their First-Year Seminar will remain on their academic record. Students who drop or fail their First-Year Seminar must consult with the Academic Advising Office about an alternate way to complete this requirement.