

Big Picture: Components of a Degree

Most BA 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 requirements. 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).

<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
183	University Graduation Requirement. Most BA and BS degrees (some degrees require more credit hours, see Undergraduate Bulletin for specific degree requirements on the next page)
Common Curriculum -60	<p>First Year Seminar: 4 credit hours (1 course) (first quarter)*</p> <p>First Year Inquiry and Writing Sequence: 8 credit hours (2 courses)</p> <p>Analytical Inquiry- Natural and Physical: 4 credit hours (1 course)</p> <p>Analytical Inquiry- Society and Culture: 8 credit hours (2 courses) (must be classes from two different disciplines)</p> <p>Scientific Inquiry- Natural and Physical World: 12 credit hours (3 courses in the same sequence)</p> <p>Scientific Inquiry- Society and Culture: 8 credit hours (2 courses) (must be classes from two different disciplines)</p> <p>Foreign Language (FOLA): 12 credit hours (3 courses in the same language) Proficiency Plus, with the 'proficiency' being First Year of a language, and the 'plus' being a university experience of studying a language. One year of language study at DU satisfies both elements simultaneously. Testing out of First Year requires one more quarter of the language to satisfy both elements of the requirement (in this case, the 'plus' part).</p> <p>Advanced Seminar: 4 credit hours (1 course) (these courses cannot count for both Major/Minor and Common Curriculum, only one or the other)</p>
123	CREDITS REMAINING
Major -40 to 45	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)
83 or 78	CREDITS REMAINING
Minor -24	Some minors require as few as 20 credits and some more than 24, see Undergraduate Bulletin for details
59 or 54	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 upper division (i.e., courses numbered 2000 or 3000)

NOTE: This table is specifically organized to reflect the credit requirements for a "generic" bachelors degree. If you have specific questions about Common Curriculum requirements for particular majors (e.g., Business majors), you should consult the chart in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

***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.