

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

All undergraduates must satisfy these university requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 180 credits, including at least 62 upper division credits
2. Complete at least 45 of the last 60 credits in Western Oregon University courses
3. Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all work completed at WOU
4. Count no more than 16 credits of 199, 399, 403, 406, 407, 408, 409 coursework towards graduation requirements
5. Complete a major including at least 36 upper division credits
6. Complete a minor including at least 12 upper division credits, unless not required by the major
7. Complete the general education requirements appropriate for the degree pursued

Major and Minor

All undergraduates complete a major.
 Students also complete a minor, unless the minor is not required by the major.
 Requirements for majors and minors are on pages XX-XX.
 Consult major and minor requirements for recommended general education courses and exceptions.

General Education Requirements By Degree

All undergraduates complete general education requirements.
 Requirements vary by the degree pursued.
 Most students pursue general education requirements for a BA or BS degree.

 Students must complete WR 135 and the mathematics portion of their general education requirement by the end of their sophomore year at WOU (90 credits).

Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) with BA requirements	Bachelor of Science (BS)/Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) with BS requirements	Bachelor of Music (BM)	Applied Baccalaureate
Special admissions requirements apply	Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) – minimum 54 credits – page 2	Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) – minimum 54 credits – page 2	Skills and Distribution Core – 42 credits – page 2
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Courses that satisfy general education requirements may also satisfy major or minor requirements.
 Courses that satisfy "core" requirements may also satisfy Writing Intensive and Cultural Diversity requirements.
 Courses that satisfy major requirements may not be used to satisfy minor requirements.

Liberal Arts Core Curriculum – LACC (BA, BS, BFA)

Communication – 3 credits – COM 111

Creative Arts – 9 credits – Take at least 1 credit from 3 of the following program areas: Art, Dance, Music, Theater – for qualifying courses, see page Y1

Health and Physical Education – 4 credits – Take PE 131 and one additional activity course – for qualifying courses, see page Y2

Laboratory Science – 12-15 credits – Take 3 lab science courses with at least 2 courses from the same sequence – for qualifying courses, see page Y3

Literature – 8 credits – for qualifying courses see page Y4

Philosophy or Religion – 3 credits – for qualifying courses, see page Y5

Social Science – 11-12 credits – Take one 8 or 9 credit sequence. Additional 3-4 credit social science course can be any 100- or 200- level social science course including psychology or criminal justice – for qualifying courses, see page Y6

Writing – 4 credits – WR 135 --Complete by the end of sophomore year at WOU (90 credits)

The "core" is a major component of general education. The "core" a student completes depends on the degree pursued. BA, BS and BFA students complete the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC).

Consult major and minor requirements for recommended general education courses and exceptions.

Alternative Core Curricula for specialized programs

Skills/Distribution Core (BM students only)

WR 135 – 4 credits

MUS 419 – 4 credits

HPE 131 – 2 credits

Creative Arts – 8 credits (no Music) – for qualifying courses see page Y1

Humanities – 8 credits – for qualifying courses see pages Y4 and Y5

Natural Science – 8 credits – for qualifying courses, see page Y3

Social Science – 8 credits – for qualifying courses, see page Y6

Applied Baccalaureate Core (AB students only)

WR 135 – 4 credits

Mathematics – 4 credits – MTH 105 or higher – MTH 211/212/213 must all be completed to apply towards this requirement

Computer skills – 2 credits – CS 121 or higher

Written/Visual/Communication - 9 credits - At least two categories from: Writing, Communication Studies, English, Linguistics, Art; for qualifying courses, see page Z1

Scientific/Quantitative/Logical Thinking - 9 credits - At least two categories from: Math, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Computer Science 122 or higher; for qualifying courses, see page Z2

Social/Cultural Engagement - 9 credits - At least two categories from: Social Science, Modern Languages, Religion, Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theater); for qualifying courses, see page Z3

Technology/Life Skills - 9 credits - At least two categories from: Business, Entrepreneurship, Computer Science 121, Health/Physical Science, Psychology or Gerontology; for qualifying courses, see page Z4

Honors LACC (Honors students only)

Creative Arts - 9 credits - CA 101H, 102H, 103H

Literature - 8 credits - ENG 107H, 108H

Philosophy - 6 credits - PHL 207H, 208H

Natural Science - 12 credits - GS 201H, 202H, 203H

Social Science - 11 credits - social science sequence approved by Honors Director plus non-Honors elective

Mathematics/Computer Science Requirement

- *Applies to students pursuing BA, BS, BFA with BA general education requirements, and BFA with BS general education requirements*
- Students must complete the mathematics portion of their graduation requirements by the end of the sophomore year (90 credits); students who fail to meet this requirement will be put on mathematics notice.
- *Bachelor of Arts (BA)* students complete a 4-credit mathematics course (MTH 105 or above) and 2-credit computer science course (CS 101 or above). The course content must be equivalent to or higher than the content of MTH 105 and CS 101 offered at WOU.
- *Bachelor of Science (BS)* students will complete a combined total of 11-12 credit hours in mathematics, computer science, and/or designated quantitative literacy courses. A minimum of one course in mathematics at the level of MTH 111 or above and one course in computer science (CS 121 or higher) is required. The remaining required credit hours may be from either discipline or designated quantitative literacy courses. To enroll in MTH 111, students must complete MTH 095 with a grade of C- or better, receive a satisfactory score on WOU's math placement test or present an adequate SAT or ACT score.
- *Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)* students will complete the math, computer science, and/or quantitative literacy requirements required by the general education path (B.A., B.S.).
- If any of MTH 211, 212, 213 are to be applied toward graduation requirements, the entire sequence must be completed.
- For qualifying quantitative literacy courses: See pg A1

Second Language Requirement

- *Applies only to students pursuing BA and BFA with BA general education requirements*
- Proficiency through the third term (second semester) of the second year (usually 24 credit hours) of college work, or the equivalent, in a second language. Proficiency is demonstrated by achieving a C- or better in 203 (the last course in second year language study). Students who do not meet this standard, including transfer students from accredited and unaccredited US institutions, can show proficiency by passing the departmental proficiency exam with 80 percent. Native speakers who have attended high school in their own language may not use that language to fulfill this requirement.
- If you are an international student whose first language is not English, you must provide high school or college transcripts as evidence of formal training in the native language and a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 500 (paper based) or a score of at least 61 (internet-based) or a IELTS scores of at least 5.0 to the International Education and Development Office. International students must also meet all special graduation requirements related to writing intensive course work.

Writing Intensive Requirement

- *Applies to all students.*
- Students will satisfy this requirement by completing six hours of "writing intensive" coursework taken from within any portion of the student's major or minor program. Writing intensive courses carry a "W" designation. If the course also meets the cultural diversity requirements, it will carry a "C" designation.
- Three hours of this requirement may be met by any upper-division non-creative writing course (WR prefix) even if the class does not carry the "W" designation.
- Students must complete WR 135 (or its transfer equivalent) before enrolling in upper-division writing intensive courses.
- For qualifying writing intensive courses, see page A2

Cultural Diversity Requirement

- *Applies only to students pursuing BS, BM, BFA and AB degree (without a second language).*
- Students will satisfy this requirement by successfully completing six credits of coursework which emphasizes a topic or subject dealing with cultural diversity from within any portion of the student's degree plan. Cultural diversity courses used to complete this requirement carry a special "D" designation. If the course also meets the writing intensive requirements, it will carry a special "C" designation.
- Students meeting the second language requirement for a BA degree will have satisfied this requirement.
- Students earning six credits through a WOU study abroad program or international internship will have met the WOU cultural diversity requirement.
- International students seeking a degree at WOU will have met the cultural diversity requirement.
- For qualifying cultural diversity courses, see page A3

Applied Baccalaureate

The AB Degree

Applied Baccalaureate (AB) degrees serve the needs of adults who hold an associate's degree and wish to pursue a bachelor's degree to advance in their careers or change careers. AB students typically hold an Associate of Applied Science (AAS). The AAS degree is a terminal degree that prepares graduates to start a career immediately after completion. Sometimes, however, an AAS degree-holder later decides to pursue a bachelor's degree to advance in a technical career, move into supervisory or management positions, gain the knowledge, critical thinking, and problem solving skills inherent in a liberal arts degree, or be qualified to pursue a graduate degree.

AB degrees are presently offered in Psychology, Gerontology, Computer Science, Information Science and Economics.

Eligibility for the AB Baccalaureate degree program

The AB degree is not open to a traditional student currently enrolled at WOU (e.g., a student who started college at WOU or came to WOU with a transfer degree such as the AAOT). AB students must meet the following criteria: have completed an AAS degree (or other terminal, non-transfer associate degree) OR have completed a minimum of 60 quarter credits toward an AAS degree (or other terminal/non-transfer associate degree).

Students who have pursued and/or completed an Oregon Transfer Module (OTM), Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree, Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Business degree, Associate of Science degree or Associate of General Studies degree (AGS) are not eligible for admission into the AB track. They will be admitted into our traditional BA, BS, BFA and BM degrees.

Academic advising

Placement of transfer credit units into the AB curriculum will be determined in consultation with the academic advisor for the specific AB program.

Honors Program

An alternative LACC is offered by WOU's Honors Program to students who have demonstrated outstanding ability, motivation, and academic achievement. Through the sustained contact the curriculum provides between students and teachers, the Honors Program forges a learning community committed to scholarly inquiry and the life of the mind. Upon completion of the Honors curriculum, Honors students are ideally prepared to excel in their academic major and minor courses. Each Honors student integrates his or her learning into a thesis/major project that is publicly presented during senior year.

Honors Program courses are open only to students enrolled in the WOU Honors Program. Students interested in exploring the challenge of the Honors Program should contact the Honors director as soon as they begin to consider this opportunity. Although acceptance usually occurs before the student attends WOU, a limited number of students can be admitted before the start of their second year. Where appropriate and approved by the Honors director, AP, IB, and transfer credits will count towards satisfying Honors requirements.

In addition to the Honors Program LACC courses (see page 2), graduation in the Honors Program requires the following additional courses:

Honors Colloquia (approved by honors director) (9 credits)
H 303 Thesis Orientation (1-2)
H 353 Thesis Development (1-2)
H 403 Honors Thesis/Senior Project (3-6)

Completion of the Honors curriculum satisfies WOU's writing intensive and cultural diversity requirements.

Transfer policies

1. WOU will accept, as satisfying any one of its LACC requirements, coursework satisfactorily completed at any accredited institution if such course(s) bears the same prefix and number as the required course(s) in WOU's LACC statement.
2. WOU will accept, as satisfying any of its sequence requirements, sequenced course work which is satisfactorily completed at an accredited institution if it parallels the nature of the WOU sequence. As an example, a 12-hour transfer sequence in astronomy (with lab) will meet the LACC laboratory science sequence requirement, even though WOU does not offer a sequence in this subject.
3. Only courses with a letter prefix and numbered 100-level or above may be used to meet LACC, graduation requirements, major or minor requirements. Grading must be on an A-F basis as opposed to pass/no credit or satisfactory/no credit basis (with the exception of PE activity courses).
4. Students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science in Business Oregon Transfer degree from an Oregon community college will be considered to have met WOU's LACC requirements. The basic graduation, cultural diversity and writing intensive requirements are separate. The requirements of the Oregon Transfer degree are spelled out in the May 10, 1988, and April 18, 2003, transfer agreements. All students satisfying these requirements will have "Oregon Transfer" marked on their transcripts by the community college awarding the degree.
5. Students who have earned the California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University Transfer Degree, Hawaii Articulated Associate of Arts degree, or Washington Direct Transfer Degree will be considered to have met WOU's LACC requirements.
6. The lower-division general education requirements included with the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree are 55 to 63 quarter credit hours. The lower-division general education requirements included with the Associate of Science in Business Oregon Transfer Degree are 62 to 65 quarter credit hours. These credit hours will be directly applied toward satisfying the LACC requirements. The remaining credit hours included within the degrees will be applied toward the satisfaction of basic graduation requirements, lower-division major, minor, or elective requirements as noted in this catalog or in consultation with the appropriate division chair.
7. Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with sufficiently high scores do satisfy specific LACC course requirements. Contact the Registrar's Office for more information.
8. These policies do not preclude case-by-case negotiation with appropriate division chairs. For example, although WOU does not offer journalism courses, a journalism course at another institution might count towards a writing (or other) major if the humanities division chair is convinced of sufficient overlap in course content and skill level.
9. Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree and are pursuing a second baccalaureate degree from WOU will be considered to have met WOU's LACC requirements.
10. For a transfer course in religious studies to count as broad enough to fulfill the LACC requirement for philosophy and religious studies, that course must be a comparative course, covering multiple religious traditions, comparable to WOU's R 201 or R 204. A course that covered a single religious tradition can count as an elective in religious studies, but will not fulfill the LACC philosophy and religious studies requirement.
11. The social science component of the LACC may be met by having 12 credits in at least two of the following disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography, history, political science, or sociology. Students are encouraged, but not required, to have two courses in one introductory sequence.

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