Bachelor's Degree Requirements

To earn a University of Oregon bachelor's degree, students must satisfy the following requirements.

University Requirements

Credits

The bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of education, and bachelor of music degrees require a total of 180 credits with passing grades. The bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of landscape architecture require a total of 220 credits. The bachelor of interior architecture requires a total of 225 credits, and the bachelor of architecture requires a total of 231 credits.

Concurrent Degrees

Concurrent degrees are awarded under the following conditions:

1. The second degree is offered by a different school or college
2. The student completes the departmental requirements for each major
3. The student completes the general-education requirements for each degree
4. The student completes a minimum of 36 credits at the UO beyond those required for the degree that has the highest credit requirement
5. The student applies for the first degree on DuckWeb and submits a request to the Office of the Registrar for the second degree

Academic Major

All bachelor's degrees must be awarded with a major. Minimum requirements are 36 credits in the major, including 24 in upper-division work. Specific requirements are listed under individual departments.

A student may be awarded a bachelor's degree with more than one major by completing the general university degree requirements for the designated majors and degree and all requirements in each major as specified by the major departments, schools, or colleges.

Academic Minor

Unless specified by a particular department, a minor is not required for a bachelor's degree. Students choosing to complete a minor must earn a minimum of 24 credits, including 12 in upper-division work. Minor requirements, including residency, are listed under department headings. A minor may be awarded only at the time a bachelor's degree is conferred.

Upper-Division Work

A minimum of 62 credits in upper-division courses (300 level or higher) are required.

Residency

After completing 120 of the 180 required credits, 160 of the 220 required credits, 165 of the 225 required credits, or 171 of the 231 required credits, each student must complete at least 45 credits of UO courses in residence at the university.

Total Credits of A, B, C, D, P*

Students must earn 168 transfer or University of Oregon credits with grades of A, B, C, D, or P*. Credits earned in courses offered only pass/no pass use the P* designation.

UO Credits of A, B, C, D

A minimum of 45 credits graded A, B, C, or D must be earned at the University of Oregon. Courses required in the major and designated P/N only in the class schedule may be counted toward the 45-credit requirement only if the 168-credit requirement has been satisfied.

Satisfactory Work

Graduation from the university requires a minimum UO cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

Written English

Two courses (WR 121 and either WR 122 or WR 123 or equivalents) passed with grades of C– or better or P are required for all undergraduate degrees. For placement, prerequisites, or exemption, see policies in the **English** section of this catalog.

Requirements for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Students must choose to graduate with a specific degree and major (for example, bachelor of arts in chemistry or bachelor of science in chemistry). See degrees listed in the **Degrees, Majors** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2014-2015/majors) **, Minors** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2014-2015/minors) **, and Certificates** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2014-2015/certificates) section of this catalog.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements

The bachelor of arts (BA) degree requires proficiency in a second language. The second-language requirement may be met in one of the following ways:

1. Completion of at least the third term, second year of a second-language course taught in the language, with a grade of C– or better or P
2. Satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the appropriate language department, showing language proficiency equivalent to that attained at the end of two years of college study
3. For students whose native language is not English: providing official high school or official college transcripts to the Office of the Registrar as evidence of formal training in the native language and completion of WR 121 and either WR 122 or WR 123 with grades of C– or better or P

Bachelor of Science Requirements

The bachelor of science (BS) degree requires proficiency in mathematics or computer and information science or a combination of the two. The requirement may be satisfied in one of the following ways, depending on the student's experience in mathematics. Courses must be completed with grades of C– or better or P.

1. Students with a limited background in mathematics can complete the requirement with any of the combinations of three courses listed

below. Inquire at the Office of Academic Advising for other possible combinations.

Option 1		
Select three of the following:		12
MATH 105	University Mathematics I	
MATH 106	University Mathematics II	
MATH 107	University Mathematics III	
MATH 111	College Algebra	
Option 2		
MATH 105	University Mathematics I	4
MATH 111	College Algebra	4
MATH 243	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics	4
Option 3		
MATH 111	College Algebra	4
MATH 241–242	Calculus for Business and Social Science I-II	8
Option 4		
CIS 105	Explorations in Computing	4
CIS 122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
MATH 111	College Algebra	4
Option 5		
CIS 105	Explorations in Computing	4
CIS 111	Introduction to Web Programming	4
MATH 111	College Algebra	4

2. Students who placed above the MATH 111 level on the mathematics placement test may complete the requirement with any two courses chosen from the following:

MATH 112	Elementary Functions	4
MATH 241	Calculus for Business and Social Science I	4
MATH 425	Statistical Methods I	4

3. Students who have MATH 111 skills and an additional prerequisite course or appropriate skills may complete the requirement with one course chosen from the following:

MATH 231	Elements of Discrete Mathematics I	4
MATH 242	Calculus for Business and Social Science II	4
MATH 246	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I	4
MATH 251	Calculus I	4
MATH 261	Calculus with Theory I	4
CIS 210	Computer Science I	4
CIS 211	Computer Science II	4
CIS 212	Computer Science III	4

4. Satisfactory completion of MATH 211–213.

Group Requirements

To promote educational breadth, bachelor's degree candidates are required to complete work in each of three groups representing comprehensive fields of knowledge: arts and letters, social science, and science. Approved group-satisfying courses must be at least 3 credits each.

The current list of group-satisfying courses is available online at registrar.uoregon.edu/group_courses .

"One Course" Restriction

Students may use only one course that has the same subject code as their major to fulfill group requirements.

"Double-Dipping" Restriction

Students may not use courses that fulfill the second-language requirement for the bachelor of arts degree to fulfill the arts and letters group requirement. Courses used to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics or in computer and information science or in a combination of the two for the bachelor of science degree may not also be used to fulfill the science group requirement.

Group Requirements for Specific Degrees

1. **Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts, or Science.** Students must complete a minimum of 45 credits—15 of those credits in approved group-satisfying courses in each of three general-education groups: arts and letters, social science, and science. Each group must include (a) at least two courses with the same subject code and (b) at least one course with a different subject code. No more than three courses with the same subject code may be used to fulfill the 45-credit requirement.
2. **Bachelor of Architecture, Education, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Music.** Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits—12 of those credits in approved group-satisfying courses in each of three general-education groups: arts and letters, social science, and science. Each group must include at least two courses with different subject codes. Two groups must each include at least two courses with the same subject code. No more than three courses with the same subject code may be used to fulfill the total 36-credit requirement.

Substituting a Minor or Second Major

Some minors or second majors may be used to satisfy part of one group requirement. Students should consult their advisors for more information.

Multicultural Requirement

The purpose of the multicultural requirement is to introduce students to the richness of human diversity and to the opportunities and challenges of life in a multicultural society.

Bachelor's degree candidates must complete one course in two of the following categories: A: American cultures; B: identity, pluralism, and tolerance; C: international cultures. A minimum of 6 credits in approved courses must be earned.

Category A: American Cultures

The goal is to focus on race and ethnicity in the United States by considering racial and ethnic groups from historical and comparative perspectives. Five racial or ethnic groups are identified: African American, Chicano or Latino, Native American, Asian American, European American. Approved courses deal with at least two of these groups in a comparative manner. They do not necessarily deal specifically with discrimination or prejudice, although many do.

Category B: Identity, Pluralism, and Tolerance

The goal is to gain scholarly insight into the construction of collective identities, the emergence of representative voices from varying social and cultural standpoints, and the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination. The identities at issue may include ethnicities as in Category A, as well as classes, genders, religions, sexual orientations, or other groups whose experiences contribute to cultural pluralism. This category includes courses that analyze the general principles underlying tolerance, or the lack of it.

Category C: International Cultures

The goal is to study world cultures in critical perspective. Approved courses either treat an international culture in view of the issues raised in Categories A and B—namely, race and ethnicity, pluralism and monoculturalism, and/or prejudice and tolerance—or explicitly describe and analyze a worldview—i.e., a system of knowledge, feeling, and belief—that is substantially different from those prevalent in the 20th- and 21st-century United States.

Students who participate in UO-sponsored study-abroad programs with a minimum of five weeks in length may qualify to satisfy Category C requirements.

The current list of courses that satisfy the multicultural requirement is available online at registrar.uoregon.edu/group_courses .

General Limitations

1. A maximum of 124 credits may be transferred from an accredited junior or community college; of this, only 90 credits may be transferred from an international junior college
2. A maximum of 60 credits may be earned in correspondence study
3. A maximum of 48 credits in law, medicine, pharmacy, chiropractic medicine, dentistry, technology, or any combination may be accepted toward a degree other than a professional degree
4. A maximum of 24 credits may be earned in the following areas (a, b, and c) with not more than 12 in any one area:
   a. Lower-division professional-technical courses
   b. Physical education and dance activity courses
   c. Performance in music (MUP), except for majors in music
5. For music majors, a maximum of 24 credits in music performance (MUP), of which not more than 12 may be taken in the student's freshman and sophomore years, may count toward requirements for the BA or BS degree
6. For dance majors, a maximum of 36 credits of DANC may count toward requirements for the BA or BS degree
7. A maximum of 12 credits in TLC (University Teaching and Learning Center) courses and a maximum of 12 credits in FE (field experience) courses may be counted toward the 180, 220, 225, or 231 credits required for a bachelor's degree
8. University of Oregon academic records are sealed thirty days after the conferral of a degree. After this date, changes to majors and minors, addition of departmental honors, removal of incompletes, grade changes, or other changes to an academic record cannot be made
9. Undergraduate credits earned through credit by examination (course challenge), Advanced Placement Program (AP), International Baccalaureate Program (IB), and the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) are counted toward the satisfaction of bachelor's degree requirements except residency and the 45 UO credits graded A, B, C, D. The university grants pass credit for successful completion of AP, IB, and CLEP examinations
10. Courses cannot be repeated for credit unless designated as repeatable by the University of Oregon Committee on Courses. Credit for duplicated courses is deducted, but grades for these courses are included in the GPA
11. No courses are available for credit to students whose competence in that area exceeds the scope of a particular course
12. Students may not receive credit for courses that are prerequisites for courses in which they are currently enrolled
13. Students may not receive credit for courses that are prerequisites for courses for which they have already received credit
14. Students must be enrolled with degree-seeking status in order to earn a certificate; certificates are only awarded at the time the degree is awarded

Second Bachelor's Degree

A student who has been awarded a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution may earn an additional bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon. The student must satisfactorily complete all departmental, school, or college requirements for the second degree. Of these requirements, the following must be completed after the prior degree has been awarded:

1. The student must complete an additional 36 credits at the university as a formally admitted student if the prior bachelor's degree was awarded by the University of Oregon, or an additional 45 credits at the university if the prior bachelor's degree was awarded by another institution
2. A minimum cumulative UO GPA of 2.00 in courses taken for the second bachelor's degree is required for the second bachelor's degree
3. A minimum of 18 credits must be graded A, B, C, D if the prior bachelor's degree was earned at the University of Oregon, or 23 credits if at another institution
4. At least 75 percent of all course work required in the major for the second degree must be completed after the conferral of the most recent bachelor's degree
5. The bachelor of arts degree requires proficiency in a second language. Students whose native language is not English may satisfy this requirement by providing official high school transcripts or official college transcripts as evidence of formal training in the native language and satisfactorily completing WR 121 and either WR 122 or WR 123. The bachelor of science degree requires proficiency in mathematics and/or computer and information science
6. Students pursuing the bachelor of fine arts degree must complete either the bachelor of arts proficiency in a second language or the bachelor of science proficiency in mathematics and/or computer and information science

Bachelor's Degree with Honors

Information about Latin honors, academic honors, and honor societies is listed in the **Honors and Awards** section of this catalog. Fellowship and scholarship information is in the **Student Financial Aid and Scholarships** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2014-2015/admissiontograduation/aidscholarships) and departmental sections of this catalog.

Oregon Transfer Module

The Oregon Transfer Module (OTM) provides a one-year curriculum for students who plan to transfer to a State of Oregon university or community college. The module allows students to complete one year of general-education foundation course work that is academically sound and readily transferable within Oregon. Although the OTM is not a certificate or degree, it documents that students have met a subset of common general-education requirements at all Oregon two- and four-year public institutions of higher education.

Students should work closely with the Office of Academic Advising to ensure selection of appropriate course work. Upon transfer, students may be required to complete additional course work in general education, in an academic major, or in bachelor's degree requirements specific to the receiving institution. Students who transfer prior to the completion of the OTM will have their courses individually evaluated by the receiving institution, and may find that some individual courses are transferable, whereas others are not.

Transferring to the University of Oregon with an OTM

Students transferring to the University of Oregon with an OTM from another institution will have completed 45 credits of the university's general-education requirements.

Earning an OTM at the University of Oregon

To receive an OTM at the University of Oregon, students must complete a minimum of 45 credits—12 in residence at the UO—in foundational skills (writing, oral communication, and mathematics) and introduction to the disciplines (arts and letters, social sciences, and sciences). All courses must be completed with a grade of C– or better and students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the time the OTM is posted on the transcript.

Application for an Undergraduate Degree

Undergraduates who plan to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon must submit an application through the university's online information system, DuckWeb, by the fourth Sunday of the anticipated term of graduation.

The Office of the Registrar encourages students to apply to graduate the term preceding their graduation term. This allows students to plan or change their final term's course schedule to ensure completion of all requirements. Students who have been disqualified must petition for reinstatement to graduate.

All grade changes, removals of incompletes, and transfer work necessary for completion of degree requirements must be on file in the Office of the Registrar by the Friday following the end of the term of graduation. Academic records are sealed thirty days after the conferral of a degree; no changes to the record will be made following that date.

Students who do not apply to graduate will not receive retroactive degrees even if degree requirements were completed at an earlier date.

Applications for graduate degrees are available from the Graduate School.