

# Requirements for Graduation

## University Core Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed below, undergraduate students must successfully complete 35 hours of courses in the University Core, also known as the "State Minimum Core." See more on the University Core page (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/universitycore/>).

## Enrollment Requirement

To ensure the opportunity to engage with faculty and peers in their area of study at the University of Arkansas, students must fulfill the U of A Enrollment Requirement:

1. Earn a minimum of 30 semester hours at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus. This includes UA faculty-led study abroad classes, online/on-campus classes, and courses offered through the Global Campus; and all other courses paid toward Fayetteville campus tuition and fees;
2. These 30 semester hours are to be upper-division semester hours required for the completion of a degree program;
3. Additional hours in residence can be required for completing a minor;
4. Hours earned in another school or college at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, may be used to satisfy this requirement — with appeal of appropriate faculty curriculum committee;
5. Appeals to the standards identified in this policy should be made to the Academic Standards Committee.

## Minimum Credits

All students awarded a baccalaureate degree must have a minimum of 120 credit hours. Individual programs may require additional hours. Courses not marked in the course description as eligible to be repeated for degree credit may be included in this total only once.

## Minimum Grade-Point Average

No student will be allowed to graduate if the student has earned below a 2.00 GPA in credit earned at this institution. No student will be allowed to graduate if that student's academic standing is other than good standing.

## Online Credit Hours for On-Campus Undergraduate Students

Any student pursuing an on-campus (face-to-face) undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas may take up to 35 percent, of the total credit hours required to complete the degree, of regular online (semester/summer) and self-paced online (correspondence) courses for degree credit.

- A freshman (first 30 hours) may take no more than two courses (8 hours) online.
- No student can enroll in more than 12 hours of online courses in any given semester<sup>\*‡</sup>
- For students that have transferred academic credits from other institutions, the percentage of total credit hours obtained at the University of Arkansas through regular (semester/summer) online and self-paced online (correspondence) courses for degree credit cannot

exceed 35 percent of the total remaining hours needed to complete the degree after transfer credits are accounted for.

- Exemption from this policy may apply for students in their last semester. All exemption requests must be signed by the department chair and Dean's office that oversee the degree program the student is pursuing.
- All online courses must include the course limits in the class notes presented to students when they register on UAConnect. For instance, the class notes for each class section should include:

"Students pursuing an on-campus (face-to-face) undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas have the following credit-hour restrictions for online and self-paced courses:

- "Only 35 percent of the total credit hours required to complete the degree can be obtained through online and self-paced course
- "A freshman (fewer than 30 credit hours earned) may take no more than two online and self-paced courses (8 credit hours)
- "No student can enroll in more than 12 online and self-paced hours in any given semester
- "For students that have transferred academic credits from other institutions, the percentage of total credit hours obtained at the University of Arkansas through regular (semester/summer) online and self-paced online (correspondence) courses for degree credit cannot exceed 35 percent of the total remaining hours needed to complete the degree after transfer credits are accounted for.
- "Other restrictions may apply due to federal financial aid policies."

\* For students on financial aid, no more than 6 of these 12 credit hours can come from self-paced online (correspondence) courses. Other financial aid regulations and policies may be applicable on a case by case basis.

‡ International students enrolled full-time are limited to 3 credit hours of online courses per academic term due to federal policies.

## Freshman Course Requirement

University Perspectives is an innovative required one-hour freshman course designed to enhance student success. A "flipped" class, it will have an online component in addition to in-class interaction. The course will emphasize the transition to the university and university-level work by addressing topics such as critical thinking and civic engagement. Other units intended to enhance overall student success include — but are not limited to — note-taking, time management, and academic integrity. All freshmen must complete UNIV 1001 by the end of the first academic year.

## Application for Graduation

Students who plan to graduate must file an official application to do so. Applications should be filed for the term in which degree requirements will be completed. A graduation fee will be required at the time of application.

To ensure that students will be certified for graduation in a timely manner, the following graduation application deadlines have been established:

Date	Description
October 1	for students graduating in Fall
March 1	for students graduating in Spring
July 1	for students graduating in Summer

Students must apply by the established deadline for that term. Any student missing the deadline may apply to graduate in a subsequent term.

A student who fails to complete the degree during the intended semester must contact the Office of the Registrar to renew the application for the term in which the degree requirements will be completed.

## Other Graduation Requirements

Individual colleges and schools may have special graduation requirements, in addition to degree program requirements. Consult the college or school section in this catalog for statements of additional requirements.

## Degree Program Requirements

A student's degree program requirements are normally those specified in the catalog for the student's first year of enrollment. However, students may choose to meet the program requirements specified in a catalog for a later year and, under some circumstances, students may be required to meet degree program requirements incorporated into the curriculum at a level beyond that at which the student is enrolled.

Students who transfer from institutions with articulation agreements with the university may also be allowed to meet the university program requirements in effect during their first year of enrollment in those institutions, subject to the time limits described below and the availability of course work. Students who transfer to a different degree program may be required to meet the program requirements specified in the catalog for the year of entry into that program. Students who are not enrolled for a period of two years or longer may be required to reenter under program requirements in the current catalog. Students who wish to be granted a degree on the basis of requirements specified in a catalog more than seven years old may be required to petition the college or school to be allowed to do so.

Students are expected to keep themselves informed regarding program requirements and changes.

## Additional Bachelor's Degree

A student seeking two or more undergraduate degrees from the University of Arkansas must meet the graduation requirements for each degree, including all university, college or school, and departmental requirements as stated in the catalog. When two or more undergraduate degrees are being completed concurrently, or while being continuously enrolled at the University of Arkansas, course work for the first degree may be used to satisfy requirements for the second degree. Students must apply to graduate individually for each degree. A student earning two or more bachelor's degrees in a single academic year will have their name appear only once on Senior Walk.

A student who previously completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas, or from any other institution, must complete at least 30 hours of additional, not necessarily subsequent, course work in residence from the University of Arkansas. More than 30 hours of course work may be required to satisfy all university, college or school, and departmental requirements.