University Graduation Requirements

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

All candidates for baccalaureate degrees must meet the minimum requirements summarized below. For the specific requirements of each College and each curriculum, consult the appropriate section of this catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are more fully explained in the pages following the summary.

Summary of Graduation Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

Credit Requirements

Minimum total for graduation ........................................... 120 credits
NOTE: Certain programs exceed this minimum.
Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher) ............. 39 credits

Curricular Requirements

*English Competency
(English composition with a grade of C or above) .................... 4-5 credits
*Mathematics and/or Statistics Competency
Competency Examination or 3 credits
*Foreign Language/Foreign Culture
(see the following description)
*Cultural Diversity ......................................................... 3 credits
*Service-Learning .......................................................... 30 hours
*General Education ...................................................... 39 credits
*Wellness Theory and Physical Activity .................................. 2 credits
*Major-minor Concentration—minimum unique credit requirement ....... 60 credits

Grade Point Requirements

*Total ................................................................. 2.00 average
*Resident............................................................. 2.00 average
*Major ................................................................ 2.00 average
NOTE: See special requirements in each College.

University Residency Requirements

*Minimum total ......................................................... 30 credits
*Senior year ............................................................ 23 credits
*Major, in upper division courses ....................................... 12 credits
*Major, Standard ...................................................... 21 credits
*Major, Comprehensive .............................................. 21 credits
NOTE: See special requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Procedures Required for Graduation

*Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.
*Apply for graduation on MyBlugold.
NOTE: Requirements for all graduate degrees are published in the Graduate Catalog.

ENGLISH COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

All students seeking a baccalaureate degree under the provisions of this catalog must satisfy the English competency requirement by (1) earning five credits for Engl 110 with a grade of C or above, (2) testing out of Engl 110 if eligible (see Engl 110 course description), or (3) earning four credits for Hrs 101 (see course description) with a grade of C or above. Students who have partially completed their composition requirement at another institution may be eligible to complete the competency requirement by passing Engl 112 (see prerequisites for English 112) with a grade of C or above.

Students who have earned credit in Engl 110 by means of the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examinations or who have tested out of Engl 110 at UW-Eau Claire will have met the University requirement for competency.

MATHEMATICS/STATISTICS COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

A minimum competency in mathematics and/or statistics is required of all students before completion of the sophomore year. The required competency can be demonstrated in one of three ways: (1) earning three credits in a university level mathematics and/or statistics course with a grade of C (not C-) or above, or a mark of S; (2) achieving a satisfactory score on a mathematics and/or statistics competency examination; or (3) achieving a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter Math 112, 113, or 114 as determined by the Department of Mathematics.

The Colleges and some programs have selected specific mathematics and/or statistics courses which fulfill the requirement for their majors. For information, consult the appropriate College or Department section of this catalog. For information on the competency examinations available to meet the requirement, consult the Department of Mathematics chair or the Advising and Academic Testing office.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT

All students seeking the baccalaureate degree must satisfy the foreign language/foreign culture requirement. The goal of this requirement is to develop an understanding of foreign countries or regions. The requirement can be met in one of four ways:

(a) demonstrating competency at the 102-level in a foreign language by achieving a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language or completing a 102-level foreign language course (or A5 112 or CSD 103) with a grade of C (not C-) or above, or a mark of S.
NOTE: B.A. students in the College of Arts and Sciences and all students minoring in Global Studies must complete option (a). Bachelor of Music students must complete this option in French, German, or Italian. The International Business minor requires foreign language competence at the 201-level.

(b) earning credit (and maintaining good academic standing) in either a full semester of study abroad or approved internship abroad, or incrementally through a combination of short term study abroad and courses designated as fulfilling the foreign culture requirement. The incremental value of a short term study abroad program is available in the Center for International Education, Schofield 3.

(c) earning a minimum of nine credits of Foreign Culture courses. Courses which fulfill the foreign culture requirement are on the following list.

(d) earning credit in a 101- or 102-level foreign language course (or a course from A5 111, 112, CSD 101, 102, 103) and earning at least six credits in foreign culture courses.

Students who are not native speakers of English may satisfy this requirement by completing the English competency requirement for the baccalaureate degree and demonstrating competency in their native language.

FOREIGN CULTURE COURSES (FC)

The following have been approved as Foreign Culture (FC) courses. These courses are broadly based and enhance understanding of contemporary life in foreign countries or regions. An FC course addresses most, but not necessarily all, of the following aspects of one or more foreign