

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

General Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees must meet all college and University requirements for graduation.

Candidates for graduation must:

1. complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, at least 40 of which must be earned in courses numbered 100 and above
2. complete a major offered in the College of Arts and Sciences
3. complete the Drake Curriculum general education requirements
4. complete their last 30 credit hours in residence at Drake University (except in the case of certain combined degree programs)
5. have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA overall, in their major, in their minor and in related areas combined.

Major Field

As part of the 120 credit hours required for graduation, all students in the College of Arts and Sciences must establish academic competence in a major field. Through this mastery of a core of courses in a single discipline or in closely related disciplines, Arts and Sciences graduates achieve the depth of knowledge that is characteristic of educated persons.

It is possible to satisfy the requirements for more than one major. With early and careful planning, students may complete double majors within the 120-credit hour program. Students who anticipate a double major should consult with the Office of the Dean.

A major should be chosen in consultation with an adviser after alternatives have been carefully weighed. While premature specialization is unwise, a major should ordinarily be selected by the end of the sophomore year. It is important that students seeking teaching certification declare their majors early to facilitate program planning. The list of offered majors is published above in "Areas of Study."

The following majors are offered: acting; anthropology and sociology; art history; applied music; astronomy; biochemistry, cell and molecular biology (BCMB); biology; chemistry; computer science; directing; drawing; English; environmental policy; environmental science; graphic design; history; international relations; law, politics and society; mathematics; mathematics education (secondary); music; music business; music education; musical theatre; neuroscience; painting; philosophy; physics; politics; printmaking; psychology; religion; rhetoric and communication studies; sculpture; sociology; study of culture and society; theatre arts; theatre design; theatre education; and writing.

Students whose goals lie outside the areas listed above may seek faculty approval to pursue a combination of existing courses as an individualized major.

Students may pursue majors in more than one discipline or area, and, where permissible, may apply particular courses toward majors in more than one discipline or area. For each major, the respective department determines whether its requirements have been fulfilled.

The department from which a transfer student seeks certification as a major may, after examining the student's credentials, require the

completion of a certain number of courses to fulfill the major regardless of the amount of work in a discipline or related areas the student has completed elsewhere.

Special Requirements for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree

A student may pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Arts and Sciences in the Division of Natural Science, Humanities or Social Sciences.

1. Requirements for majors offered in the Division of Natural Science:
 - a. A major in a natural science, as determined by the appropriate department.
 - b. Twelve credit hours in natural science courses other than in the major area.
 - c. One course in a natural science requiring a laboratory.
 - d. Course(s) in either statistics or computer science (minimum of 3 credits).
 - e. Additional requirements as stipulated by particular departments.
2. Requirements for majors offered in the divisions of Humanities or Social Sciences:
 - a. A major in a discipline other than a natural science, as determined by the appropriate department.
 - b. A minor in a natural science, as designated by the appropriate minor department.
 - c. One course in a natural science requiring a laboratory.
 - d. Course(s) in either statistics or computer science (minimum of 3 credits).
3. In addition to A or B above, all students pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete all Drake Curriculum requirements.

Additional School of Fine Arts Graduation Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree within the School of Fine Arts must satisfy the Drake Curriculum requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Each department within the School of Fine Arts has established its own graduation requirements for professional degree candidates. A description of those requirements may be found under the individual departmental listings.