

Bachelor's Degrees

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Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science Degrees

An undergraduate student must pass all courses required by the program curriculum. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and at least a C- in all courses counted toward basic/general education/distribution, certificate, or field of study is required. No courses with a grade of D or #CR may be used to fulfill a field of study requirement. However, if a student decides to pursue a field of study in an area where they have already passed a course with a P grade, the student may petition the Admissions and Progressions Committee to count the course for the new field of study or to substitute another course.

The total number of units required for each field of study varies according to the department. At least half of the units for the field of study must be completed at Washington University. At least 30 units of advanced courses overall must be completed at Washington University. No more than 9 units of approved study abroad credit may count toward the degree for students who earn more than 60 units at Washington University; no more than 6 units of study abroad credit may count toward the field of study. We encourage students to use their time at Washington University to augment the field of study with related course work and to explore many different areas of knowledge.

General Education Requirements*

Basic Requirements:

- EComp 111 Analytical Writing**
- EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing**
- One additional 3-unit advanced writing course, which may be chosen from EComp 304 Exposition, EComp 3120 Argumentation, EComp 324 Writing for Public Speaking, or EComp 331 Technical Writing.*
- One 3-unit course in numerical applications with a minimum grade of C-. The following courses fulfill the numerical applications requirement:
 - Any course from the School of Continuing & Professional Studies Math department (U20), including statistics and programming courses
 - U03 GS 117 Quantitative Reasoning
 - U09 Psych 300 Introductory Psychological Statistics
 - U25 PolSci 323 Introduction to Quantitative Methods
- One course in moral reasoning
- One 3-unit course in cultural diversity: Courses that satisfy the cultural diversity requirement explore issues of global human diversity and the interactions among cultures.

- * These requirements are effective as of spring 2023. Students admitted to School of Continuing & Professional Studies programs prior to spring 2023 are expected to fulfill the requirements in place at the time of their admission.
- ** Students who receive a grade lower than a C- in EComp 111 Analytical Writing taken at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies must repeat the course. Students who receive a grade lower than a C- in EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing taken at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies must, in consultation with the Department of English and the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, choose between two options to satisfy the requirement: (1) repeat the course; or (2) complete a 3-unit composition tutorial with a grade of C or higher. Students who have completed English composition courses at another college or university should be well prepared for the required writing courses at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, and transfer credit will be awarded for this work according to our regular transfer credit policies. However, new students will begin with EComp 111 in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies. Students who feel they have a strong writing background may petition to take a placement test to demonstrate the skills needed to begin with EComp 203 instead. All students will complete EComp 203 and a 300-level writing course at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies.

Distribution Requirements: 27 units; 9 units in each area noted below. Field of study courses may also fulfill basic and distribution requirements, but each distribution area must include course work from at least two disciplines:

- Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Humanities