

University Requirements for Graduation

University requirements for the baccalaureate degree have been established by the faculty as an expression of the common degree expectations for all Washington State University graduates. The faculty has established minimum standards in terms of credits, grade points, and distribution requirements within the University Common Requirements (UCORE). For complete listing of all the rules pertaining to graduation, see the Appendix, Rules 106-137.

1. **Credits and grade points**—A minimum of 120 semester credits with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
2. **Upper-Division (300-400-level)**—A minimum of 40 semester credits.
3. **The University Writing Portfolio (Mid-Career Assessment)**—Successful completion of the University Writing Portfolio is a requirement for graduation at WSU. Students must satisfy this requirement once they have earned 60 semester credits. To complete the University Writing Portfolio students must submit three papers they have written as a result of previously assigned college course work and take a Timed Writing Exam consisting of two writing exercises. The University Writing Portfolio must be completed before a student enrolls in an [M] course (see below). Visit www.writingportfolio.wsu.edu for more information.
4. **Writing in the Major [M]**—Two courses identified as writing in the major [M] must be included in course work taken to meet departmental requirements. Consult the requirements in the department in which you intend to major.
5. **University Common Requirements (UCORE)**—All students, regardless of major, must fulfill the minimum requirements of WSU's University Common Requirements (UCOREs) or of University Honors College. See Appendix, Rules 106-137.
6. **Awarding the Degree**—The award of a degree is conditioned upon the student's good standing in the University and satisfaction of all University graduation requirements. "Good standing" means the student has resolved any unpaid fees or acts of academic or behavioral misconduct, and complied with all sanctions imposed as a result of the misconduct. The University shall deny the award of a degree if the student is dismissed from the University based on his or her misconduct (See Rules 45, 115-117, and the Student Conduct Code).

College of Arts and Sciences — Additional Graduation Requirements

In order to provide a broad-based education in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences require the following in addition to University Requirements for Graduation. The additional college graduation requirements have already been incorporated in the departmental requirements listed in this catalog.

Inquiry: Ways of Knowing—Complete 3 credits in each of the seven inquiry designations: [ARTS], [BSCI], [DIVR], [EQJS], [HUM], [PSCI], and [SSCI].
Sciences [BSCI] [PSCI] —Additional 1 lab credit of [BSCI] or [PSCI] for a total of 8 semester credits (2 labs).

Foreign Language—Two years of one HS Foreign Language (includes ASL or NAL), or two college semesters (two quarters) of one Foreign Language (includes ASL or NAL), or Foreign language proficiency not based on HS or college instruction. Documentation or testing required for all.

Notes: A foreign language course taken in eighth grade may satisfy one year of the requirement if the second year is completed in high school. If only one year is completed in high school, a WSU student must complete an additional semester (e.g. SPANISH 102) or transfer an additional college-level quarter or semester in the same foreign language. International students who have completed formal instruction in their primary language as well as formal instruction in English as a second language in their secondary education have met the intent of the foreign language requirement. (Records indicating the successful completion of both languages are required to document the foreign language requirement).

Transfer students are responsible for meeting the above requirements. This includes those students holding the approved Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from Washington community colleges or Associate of Arts—Oregon Transfer degree from an Oregon community college.

College of Veterinary Medicine — Additional Graduation Requirements

In addition to the University Requirements for Graduation, the College of Veterinary Medicine requires that students complete one additional requirement for graduation. The additional college graduation requirement has already been incorporated in the departmental requirements listed in this catalog.

Inquiry: Ways of Knowing—Complete 3 credits in each of the seven inquiry designations: [ARTS], [BSCI], [DIVR], [EQJS], [HUM], [PSCI], and [SSCI].

Transfer students are responsible for meeting the above requirements. This includes those students holding the approved Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from Washington community colleges or Associate of Arts—Oregon Transfer degree from an Oregon community college.



WSU Graduation Requirements

UNIVERSITY COMMON REQUIREMENTS (UCORE)

These graduation requirements were developed to help students achieve WSU's Learning Goals and Outcomes. Four broad categories are divided into eleven requirements. Match courses in the WSU Catalog (<https://catalog.wsu.edu>) to the requirements using the [bracketed notation] that appears in the list below. Of the 34 total credits, only three, three-credit courses may be taken within the major.

University Honors College students do not complete University Common Requirements. Contact the Honors College for additional information.

Students who have completed an approved transferable A.A. degree should check the University Common Requirements section of the catalog for more information or contact the Transfer Center.

FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: 12 credits*

- Roots of Contemporary Issues [ROOT] (3 cr.)
course: History 105 semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Quantitative Reasoning [QUAN] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Written Communication [WRTG] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Communication [COMM] [WRTG] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____

*Courses meeting the Foundational Requirements should be completed within the first year.

INQUIRY: WAYS OF KNOWING: 19 credits

Of the following seven designations, students must complete six designations:

- Inquiry in the Arts [ARTS] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry in the Biological Sciences [BSCI] (3 or 4 cr.)*
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry into Equity and Justice [EQJS] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry into Global Cultural Diversity [DIVR] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry in the Humanities [HUM] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry in the Physical Sciences [PSCI] (3 or 4 cr.)*
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
- Inquiry in the Social Sciences [SSCI] (3 cr.)
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____

*At least one lab science (either BSCI or PSCI) must be completed to satisfy the UCORE inquiry requirement. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences complete one additional lab credit for a total of 8 semester credits.

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING: 3 credits

- Integrative Capstone [CAPS]
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____

UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 120 semester credits (or total credits for a specific degree program) of which 30 minimum are from Washington State University.
- 40 Upper Division (300/400 level) semester credits.
- 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average.
- Completion of Writing Proficiency and UCORE requirements and college requirements, if applicable (see below).
- Completion of requirements for major including a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in the major (see relevant catalog section).

WRITING PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements that all students must complete:

- University Writing Portfolio/Qualifying Exam (to be completed when a student reaches 60 semester credits).
- Two Writing in the Major [M] courses*
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____
course: _____ semester/year F Sp Su _____

*For more information about these, refer to the WSU Writing Program (<https://writingprogram.wsu.edu>) or the WSU Catalog (<https://catalog.wsu.edu>).

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS *

- Foreign Language: Complete 2 years of high school or 1 year of college-level foreign language (includes ASL or NAL) in the same language.
- Additional 3 semester credits from Inquiry: Ways of Knowing—Complete 3 credits in each of the seven inquiry designations: [ARTS], [BSCI], [DIVR], [EQJS], [HUM], [PSCI], and [SSCI].
- Additional 1 lab credit of [BSCI] or [PSCI] for a total of 8 semester credits (2 labs).

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS *

- Additional 3 semester credits from Inquiry: Ways of Knowing—Complete 3 credits in each of the seven inquiry designations: [ARTS], [BSCI], [DIVR], [EQJS], [HUM], [PSCI], and [SSCI].

*All students, including transfer students with an approved transferable associate's degree, or students pursuing a second bachelor's degree in the majors in these colleges, will be held to these additional requirements.

