

# Components of a Degree

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## Component I

### General Education, Competency and Graduation Requirements

39 – 48 credits

#### Requirements

0 – 6 credits of English competency

0 – 3 credits of mathematics competency

Four course writing emphasis

1-4 credits of a Capstone course (may also be required in major/minor) which is taken in Senior year or in the last semester

36 credits of breadth (plus a minimum of a 3 credit Capstone course):

- 3 credits of first year seminar
- 3 credits of fine arts
- 6 credits of humanities
- 6 credits of social sciences
- 3 credits of biological sciences
- 3 credits of natural sciences
- 3 credits of quantitative literacy
- 3 credits of sustainability perspective
- 3 credits of ethnic studies perspective
- 3 credits of global culture

## Component II

### Supporting Courses

*Credits vary with major; they are included in the credit total of Component III*

Preparatory and methods courses appropriate to the major (usually supporting courses).

## Component III

### Major

30-48 credits minimum

Students choose one of these:

- Interdisciplinary major (minimum of 30 credits in the major; 24 of these credits must be at the upper level)  
OR
- Disciplinary major (minimum of 30 credits in the major; 24 of these credits must be at the upper level)  
plus  
Interdisciplinary minor (minimum of 18 credits; 12 of these credits must be at the upper level)  
OR
- Professional degree (either Bachelor of Science Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, or Bachelor of Music)

## Component IV

### Other Options

*Credits vary, depending on the number of credits earned in Components I, II and III*

Courses to bring total credits to minimum of 120 degree credits required for graduation such as:

- Minor or additional minor in disciplinary or interdisciplinary program
- Other specific professional program
- Electives
- Other possibilities to be designed with an adviser

## Minimum Requirement

*120 degree credits*

Students must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on UW-Green Bay courses and a 2.0 grade point average for each major and/or minor. Certain majors, minors, and professional programs may have higher minimum grade point graduation requirements.

## The Major and Minor

UW-Green Bay offers both disciplinary (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/planning/disciplinary-majors-minors>) and interdisciplinary (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/planning/interdisciplinary-majors-minors>) majors. A more thorough explanation of these terms can be found in A UW-Green Bay Education. (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/about/education>)

The choice of major determines whether a minor is required. For example, the field of Environmental Policy and Planning is an interdisciplinary major. It has two areas of emphasis: public policy and planning. The University's academic program emphasizes the importance of interdisciplinary learning, and requires students to choose either an interdisciplinary major or minor. Since the Environmental Policy and Planning major is interdisciplinary, the student will have fulfilled the requirement of interdisciplinary study. A minor is then optional, rather than required.

The student who has chosen a disciplinary major – for example, Chemistry – follows a different path. With a major in a discipline, he or she is required to choose a minor in a program that is interdisciplinary – for example, in Human Biology.

There are exceptions. These include programs that are offered only as majors or only as minors and professional studies such as Business Administration and Education which have distinctive structures. The student will want to carefully study the individual program descriptions.

## Areas of Emphasis

Students can develop significant specializations by choosing areas of emphasis offered by many UW-Green Bay majors and minors. These can lead to specific and productive career fields. Examples of areas of emphasis include gallery/museum practices, nutritional sciences/dietetics, law and justice studies, and photography. Students can learn about other areas of emphasis by reading descriptions of related majors and minors in this catalog, and by consulting advisers.

## Teacher Preparation

The University offers an interdisciplinary major in Education for students seeking pre-school and elementary-level teaching licensure and an interdisciplinary minor in Education for students who desire licensure at the secondary level. Teacher preparation is offered for the following age levels:

- Early Childhood (Ages 0-8)
- Early Childhood through Middle Childhood (ages 0-11)
- Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence (Ages 6-12/13)
- Early Adolescence through Adolescence (Ages 10-21)
- Early Childhood through Adolescence (All Ages)

## Preprofessional Programs

The University offers a wide variety of preprofessional programs. Some programs may be completed within one or two years while others require the completion of a four-year baccalaureate program prior to transfer to the professional school. For information, contact the Academic Advising Office. The preprofessional programs are:

- Chiropractic (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Dentistry (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Dietetics (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/dietetics>)
- Engineering (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/engineering>)
- Law (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/law>)
- Medicine (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Nursing (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/nursing>)
- Optometry (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Pharmacy (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/pharmacy>)

- Physical Therapy (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Physician Assistant (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/health-sciences>)
- Veterinary Medicine (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/veterinary-medicine>)

## Cooperative Program

- Engineering (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/engineering-cooperative>) (cooperative program with UW-Milwaukee)

## Certificates and Other Programs

- Coaching (Athletics) (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/physical-education>)
- Emergency Management (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/emergencymanagement>)
- Environmental Sustainability and Business (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/environmental-sustainability-business>)
- Military Science (ROTC) (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/military-science>)
- Nonprofit Management (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/nonprofit-management>)
- Professional Accounting (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/professional-accounting>)
- Teaching English as a Second Language (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs-certificates/teaching-english>)

## Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

UW-Green Bay offers a two-year program of study leading to an associate of arts and sciences (AAS) degree. Requirements for the degree include completion of:

- most of the general education requirements for the baccalaureate degree (student does not complete two upper-level writing or Capstone courses);
- the math and English proficiency and competency requirements;
- 33 credits of "breadth" courses which includes the general education requirements;
- a 12-credit area of study as defined by an academic adviser;
- 60 degree credits (AAS candidates are not eligible for honors programs);
- 15 credits earned "in residence";
- a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Students should contact the Academic Advising Office as early as possible for assistance in planning their programs to assure that all degree requirements are fulfilled.

## Academic Advising

The academic advising process at UW-Green Bay is designed to maximize students' educational potential through communication and information exchanges with an adviser; these exchanges are ongoing, individualized, multifaceted, and the responsibility of both student and adviser. Advising is assumed to be a developmental, decision-making process that assists students in the clarification of their life/career goals and the completion of educational plans for the realization of those goals. The adviser serves as a facilitator and coordinator of student learning through educational planning and academic progress review, and an agent of referral to other campus programs and services as necessary. Academic advising is a joint effort of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

All first year students, new transfer students and undeclared students will be assigned to a professional adviser in the Office of Academic Advising until the point in which the student officially declares the major. Upon official declaration of the major, the student will be assigned to a faculty adviser for that major. The student's assigned adviser and contact information is available in the student's SIS (Student Information System) account.

Contact the Office of Academic Advising (<http://www.uwgb.edu/advising>) for more information about academic advisers and the advising process.

## Declaration of Major

Students are admitted with most majors declared. Some majors require additional entrance requirements or addition of an area of emphasis, thus a student must complete the program admit process requirements. These students will be added as Pre-Majors to their area of study. A "Major" is not fully valid until the student is also assigned a faculty major advisor. Students should follow the departmental directives for declaring a major/advisor assignment using the resources found in departmental web pages. If a student has both a major (and interdisciplinary major/minor if required) and advisor they are considered fully declared. Students are encouraged to discuss a major with faculty representatives as early as possible in their undergraduate career. All students are required to have a complete academic plan (e.g., interdisciplinary major or minor, area of emphasis) and advisor on file with the Registrar's Office by the time they have a total of 45 credits earned. The declaration of major/minor/certificate form is available online at <http://www.uwgb.edu/registrar>.

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