

# College Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree

Students are responsible for seeing that all of their degree requirements are fulfilled.

**These requirements are effective May 1, 2017**

**For older requirements, see [Archived General Catalogs](#).**

**More information can be found at the [Office of the University Registrar website](#)**

## University Requirements

All undergraduate scholars must fulfill the following University of California requirements, which are necessary for all scholars regardless of college and major:

- [Entry Level Writing Requirement \(ELWR\)](#)
- [American History and Institutions Requirement](#)
- [Unit Requirement](#)
- [Residence Requirements](#)
- [Scholarship Requirement](#)
- [General Education Requirement](#)
- [College Requirements](#)
- Major Requirements; course requirements for each major are listed in General Catalog under [Programs and Courses](#).

## College Requirements

Undergraduate scholars must additionally complete the following requirements in order to become eligible for candidacy for a bachelor's degree:

- Unit
- Residence
- Scholarship
- English Composition

*A [preliminary degree check](#) can be used to help track your progress. You can also utilize the [MyDegree](#) online advising audit to review requirements. It is the responsibility of the undergraduate scholar to ensure all requirements are fulfilled.*

### College Unit

- A minimum of 180 quarter units is required for the degree. At least 54 of the 180 units must be in upper division or graduate courses except that a maximum of 9 units in professional courses (300 and 400 series) will be accepted.

- No more than 6 units of Physical Education 1 and/or 6 and no more than 20 units of Internship 92 and 192 and courses numbered 99, 190C, 197T, and 199 may be counted toward the total of 180 units for the degree.
- A maximum of 12 units of Internship 92 and 192 is permitted. Credit will not be given for 192, 199 numbered courses prior to completion of 84 units.

### College Residence

- 35 of the final 45 units must be taken while an undergraduate scholar is in the college. University of California Extension courses can be used to satisfy graduation requirements only with approval of the dean. Only grade points from University of California, Davis extension courses will count toward the student's overall UC grade point average.
- Education Abroad Courses are not considered in residence. Please speak to the Dean's Office if you are planning to study abroad.

### College Scholarship

- The minimum grade point average (GPA) to satisfy the scholarship requirement is 2.000 for all courses counted toward the major and for all upper division courses used to satisfy major requirements.
- Only grades earned in courses taken at UC Davis will be included in the grade point computations.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) is a minimum of 2.000; major grade point average (GPA) is also a minimum of 2.000 - both are required in order to be eligible for graduation
- Major grade point average (GPA) calculation varies per program of study. Questions regarding major GPA should be directed to the department advisor.
- To obtain these minimum averages in the major, you may repeat courses that are graded D or F. If you have to repeat a course more than once, scholars must obtain approval from from the Dean's Office prior to enrolling.

### English Composition

This requirement can be fulfilled by satisfying one of the options:

- (1) Take two courses emphasizing written expression or one course emphasizing written expression and one course emphasizing oral expression.
  - (a) One course must be selected from English 1, 3, 18, 19, 101, 102A-G, or 104A-F (courses with primary emphasis in writing skills), and
  - (b) One course selected from the courses not selected above, or from Comparative Literature 1, 2, 3, 4, NAS 5, or Rhetoric and Communication 1 (courses emphasizing either writing or speaking skills.)

**-OR-**

- (2) Successfully pass the English composition examination upon completion of 70 units.
    - This examination does not yield unit credit. The no-fee examination is typically offered on a Saturday morning in October, January and April. No examinations are given during the summer.
    - For specific examination dates, instructions, and to sign up to take an examination, see the [University Writing Program-Upper Division Composition Exam Information](#). It is recommended that students with disabilities contact the Student Disability Center at 530-752-3184 and the Entry Level Writing Program Office 530-752-0450 at least two weeks prior to the exam date to arrange accommodations.
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