

Taxonomy of Undergraduate Majors –Summary Report

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degrees

I. Courses and Credit Hours

All majors (B.A.)	Mean	Median	Range
Total Courses	10.7	10	8 – 21 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	32.3	30	24 – 54 hours
Maximum Credit Hours	32.7	30	24 – 60 hours
Fine Arts division			
Total Courses	12.0	12.0	9 – 12 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	33.0	34.5	27 – 36 hours
Maximum Credit Hours	33.0	34.5	27 – 36 hours
Humanities division			
Total Courses	9.1	9.0	8 – 11 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	27.4	27.0	24 – 33 hours
Maximum Credit Hours	27.4	27.0	24 – 33 hours
Natural Science/Math division			
Total Courses	13.6	13.0	10 – 16 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	43.3	41.0	31 – 54 hours
Maximum Credit Hours	44.4	42.0	33 – 60 hours
Social & Beh Sciences division			
Total Courses	10.4	10.0	8 – 16 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	31.0	30.0	24 – 48 hours
Maximum Credit Hours	31.5	30.0	24 – 49 hours

II. Requirement Categories

Requirement Category	Mean	Median	Range
Tier 1: required course (1 – 2 courses)	35.1%	36.9%	0.0 – 100.0%
Tier 2: short distinct list (< 12 courses)	16.3%	10.0%	0.0 – 100.0%
Tier 3: long distinct list (≥ 12 courses)	30.7%	28.6%	0.0 – 92.3%
Tier 4: elective list (e.g., select any XXX course)	17.8%	0.0%	0.0 – 100.0%

Division	Tier 1 (Mean)	Tier 2 (Mean)	Tier 3 (Mean)	Tier 4 (Mean)
Fine Arts	49.1%	10.6%	23.1%	17.2%
Humanities	26.0%	16.6%	33.6%	23.8%
Natural Science/MATH	58.2%	13.0%	12.0%	16.8%
Social/Behavioral	28.2%	19.2%	39.7%	12.9%

III. Prerequisite, Gateway, and Additional Conditions

Notes:

- A gateway course is required, must be taken first before taking additional courses in the major, and students must earn a C or better to continue in the program.
- Additional conditions, restrictions, and/or exclusions that may impact more than 1 requirement.

Prerequisite	Mean	Median	Range
n	2.0	1	0-14
% of Total	18.2%	10.0%	0.0 – 82.4%

Gateway?	Number of Majors	%
Yes	8	17.4%
No	38	82.6%

Additional conditions	Number of Majors	%
Yes	19	41.3%
No	27	58.7%

Division	Prerequisite (n) (Mean)	Prerequisite % of Total (Mean)	Majors with Gateway	Majors with conditions
Fine Arts	2.3	22.3%	0 of 4 (0.0%)	2 of 4 (50.0%)
Humanities	1.3	15.6%	4 of 16 (25.0%)	3 of 16 (18.8%)
Natural Science/MATH	6.0	44.0%	3 of 9 (33.3%)	4 of 9 (44.4%)
Social/Behavioral	0.6	5.8%	1 of 17 (5.9%)	10 of 17 (58.8%)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

I. Courses and Credit Hours

All majors	Mean	Median	Range
Total Courses	21.7	21.0	16 – 29 courses
Minimum Credit Hours	70.7	73.0	51 – 99 credit hours
Maximum Credit Hours	72.4	74.0	51 – 99 credit hours

II. Requirement Categories

Requirement Category	Mean	Median	Range
Tier 1: required course (1 – 2 courses)	59.2%	58.3%	26.3% - 90.0%
Tier 2: short distinct list (< 12 courses)	13.0%	10.3%	0.0% - 31.6%
Tier 3: long distinct list (≥ 12 courses)	14.1%	11.8%	0.0% - 50.0%
Tier 4: elective list (e.g., select any XXX course)	13.7%	12.2%	0.0% - 38.9%

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Prerequisite	Mean	Median	Range
n	11.8	10.0	3.0 – 23.0
% of Total	53.2%	55.8%	15.8% – 81.8%

Gateway?	Number of Majors	%
Yes	3	30.0%
No	7	70.0%

Additional conditions	Number of Majors	%
Yes	4	40.0%
No	6	60.0%