

GRADUATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

University Policies: Graduation and Degree Requirements

The conferring of degrees by the University of Louisville is conditional upon completion of all requirements in the opinion of the unit faculty and dean, regardless of the students' participation in commencement.

Students are strongly urged to run preliminary degree audits on a regular basis so that possible deficiencies in degree requirements can be identified early.

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

The baccalaureate degree (arts, fine arts, and science) is the undergraduate degree offered by the university. It is awarded to students who have completed both university-wide requirements and the requirements of the selected degree program. The following university-wide requirements apply to all baccalaureate degrees. The student must:

- Complete an online degree application by the specified date at the beginning of the semester of graduation.
- Complete an application for and be accepted for admission into a major program.
- Satisfy all Cardinal Core requirements.
- Complete all required courses and program requirements listed in the degree program section of this catalog.
- Have a cumulative university GPA of at least 2.00, or higher if specified by the program.
- Have a cumulative program GPA of at least 2.00, or higher if specified by the program.
- Complete a minimum of 120 hours applicable to the program, or more if required by the program.
- Complete at least 60 hours at an accredited four-year institution.
- Complete at least 25% of the total credit hours required for the degree in residence at the University of Louisville.
- Complete 30 of the last 36 hours in residence at the University of Louisville.
- Have neither missing nor outstanding I or X grades.
- Satisfy any additional requirements specified by the major program and unit.
- Be formally recommended for the baccalaureate degree by the unit faculty and dean and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Second Baccalaureates

To be awarded a second bachelor's degree, students must earn a minimum of thirty additional semester hours in the program. For students pursuing two degrees simultaneously, these thirty hours will be added to the minimum total of semester hours needed for the degree requiring the least number of hours.

Minors

Students who want to take a minor must apply for admission to the minor program after acceptance into a major program. The course work requirements for a minor are prescribed by a department or unit and consist of at least 18 semester hours. Most minor programs are open to students from all units.

Satisfactory completion of course work required for a minor will be certified as completion of the minor, and will be shown on the student's transcript only if the student's application has been accepted by the department or program offering the minor.

Unit-Specific Policies

In addition to the university-wide policies regarding Graduation and Degree Requirements, students may be subject to the unit-specific requirements listed below.

College of Arts and Sciences

Minimum Hours

Each student must earn a minimum of 121 semester hours of credit (unless a higher minimum is specified in a program of study). At least 50 of the total semester hours, whether required or elective, must be earned in courses numbered 300 or higher. A student who earns duplicate credit for courses will be required to complete more hours.

Maximum Hours in Major

No more than 40 hours of courses that count in the major field may be applied toward graduation by candidates for the BA degree. No more than 60 hours in the major field may be applied toward graduation by candidates for the BS degree. No more than 80 hours in Fine Art (courses designated ART and ARTH) may be applied toward the BFA in Fine Arts.

Departmental Learning Outcomes Assessment

Completion of a baccalaureate degree also requires students to submit work to the department of the major for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. Details about the specific requirements and deadlines of an individual department are available in the department office. Students are advised to make themselves aware of these requirements as early as possible in their academic careers.

Requirements for Minors

The course work requirements for a minor consist of 18-23 semester hours. A maximum of 3 hours of pass-fail work may be applied. Students may elect a major and a minor in the same department only if there is more than one degree program in that department and if the major and minor are in two different programs of the department. Students who elect a minor and a major in the same department are cautioned that no more than 40 hours of courses with the same departmental designation that count in the major may be applied toward the 121 hours minimum for a BA degree and no more than 60 hours with the same departmental designation may be applied toward the 121 hours minimum for a BS degree. Students also are cautioned that completion of the major, which is required for all degrees, and completion of the minor, which is optional, may require the student to complete more than the 121 semester hours minimum required for a baccalaureate degree. Courses required for the minor may be used to fulfill other degree requirements.

College of Business

Minimum Hours

Required hours exclude non-academic credits (all remedial course work including Reading, English, and Math courses numbered 100 or below). Students pursuing a second bachelor's degree must be admitted to the College of Business in degree status, must earn a minimum of 30 hours beyond their last degree and fulfill all program and GPA requirements of the second degree.

Upper-Level Hours

At least 48 of the total semester hours, whether required or elective, must be earned in courses numbered 300 or higher. Note that the number of the course, not the student's classification, determines whether or not a course is senior-level.

College of Education & Human Development

The baccalaureate degrees offered by the College of Education and Human Development include minimum requirements for completion and graduation.

Organizational Leadership and Learning

The following requirements apply to the BS degree in Organizational Leadership and Learning:

- At least 50 of the hours for the degree must be upper-level hours (300 level and above).
- 2.25 overall grade point average and 2.50 grade point average in the major.
- University policy mandating that 30 of the last 36 hours must be taken in residence does not apply to distance education students or active-duty military personnel in the OLL program.
- A grade of C or better is required in all professional education courses. C-minus is not acceptable.
- Students admitted to the OLL Healthcare Leadership track must maintain a 2.7 overall grade point average as well as a 3.3 grade point average in the major. Students are required to earn a B+ or better in each major course. For additional policies regarding this Competency-Based Education program: [*Organizational Leadership and Learning with a Track in Healthcare Leadership \(BS\)*](#).

Health and Human Performance

Students must complete at least 45 of the credit hours for the degree at the University of Louisville with a minimum cumulative university grade point average of 2.25. Students must have completed HSS 184 and HSS 320 with a grade of B-minus or higher and HSS 202 with a grade of C or higher.

Sport Administration

Students must complete at least 45 of the credit hours for the degree at the University of Louisville with a minimum cumulative university grade point average of 2.50. Students must have completed SPAD 281 and SPAD 284 with a grade of C or better (C-minus will not be accepted). Students must not have earned any grades of D in SPAD courses required for the major.

The minimum requirements for completion of the degree are:

- A total of 123 hours with at least 50 upper-level hours (300-level and above)
- 2.25 overall grade point average

Early Elementary Education

The following degree requirements apply to the BS degree in Early Elementary Education:

- A minimum total of 125 hours with at least 50 upper-level hours (300-level and above)

- 2.75 overall grade point average
- 3.0 grade point average in program education courses
- Satisfactory work sample

Middle/Secondary Education

The following degree requirements apply to the BS degree in Middle/Secondary Education:

- A minimum total of 125 hours with at least 50 upper-level hours (300-level and above)
- 2.50 grade point average in content area.
- 3.0 grade point average in program education courses.
- Satisfactory teacher performance assessment (TPA)

Please note that students must be formally admitted to the teacher education program for Early Elementary or Middle/Secondary Education. Please contact Education Advising and Student Services for further information.

Requirements for Minors

A grade point average of 2.50 is required to earn the Exercise Science minor. A grade point average of 2.25 is required to earn the Sport Administration minor. No grades of D are allowed in any coursework used to complete any HSS minor.

Application for Teacher Certification

Students seeking teacher certification upon completion of degree and/or program requirements, must apply through the College of Education Advising and Student Services office to the Kentucky Professional Standards Board to receive the teaching certificate. Consult Education Advising and Student Services office for information.

Kent School of Social Work

Kent students participating in commencement will receive a generic letter stating that they have met the requirements of the BSW degree. This letter is an official letter that can be given to employers, for possible employment benefits. Students not attending commencement will NOT receive such a letter. Official degrees take up to six weeks to show on student transcripts. No personal letters for licensure or employment purposes can be given to students. These letters can also not be given before commencement due to specific university restrictions. Students should plan licensure exams or employment dates to accommodate this six-week delay after commencement to get an official transcript showing a degree.

School of Music

Minimum Hours and Point Standing

To be recommended for a degree or minor in Music, the student must have completed the prescribed number of hours in the courses taken and must have a 2.5 grade point average.

School of Nursing

A candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the traditional BSN program must have satisfactory completion of the required BSN courses with a minimum undergraduate cumulative and program grade point

average of 2.5; a minimum university GPA of 2.0 in all coursework is required. A minimum letter grade of C is required in all nursing courses (NURS).

A candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the RN-BSN program must have satisfactory completion of the required BSN courses and earned a minimum university and program grade point average of 2.0. A minimum letter grade of C is required in all nursing courses (NURS).

J.B. Speed School of Engineering

Graduation and Degree Requirements

Degree requirements for all BS degrees granted by the J.B. Speed School of Engineering will be based upon the course requirements that are in effect at the time of admission to the School of Engineering. If an applicant has been admitted several times, the degree requirements in effect at the most recent time of admission will apply.

The following graduation and degree requirements apply to all BS engineering degrees. The student must:

- Have credit for each of the three cooperative education work terms
- Have a cumulative university GPA of at least 2.25 and have a cumulative program GPA of at least 2.25

Second Bachelor's Degree

In addition to the requirements set by the university, satisfaction of the requirements for co-op must have approval of both departments.