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Undergraduate degrees are conferred on the recommendation of the colleges/schools. Specific degree requirements may be found in the catalogue sections devoted to the respective colleges/schools.

Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirement
To be eligible for graduation, a student must have attained a cumulative grade-point average sufficient to meet the minimum requirements for the college/school in which the student is officially enrolled. Beginning with the class of 1984, the minimum grade-point average for graduation is 2.00. Grades in courses accepted for transfer credit are excluded in computing this average.

Thirty of the Last Forty-Five Credits in Residence Requirement
Every degree candidate must have taken thirty of the last forty-five credits in residence at the university before being awarded their degree. An exception to this rule exists for those students who have completed three years of pre-medical study in the university and are awarded their degrees after successful completion of one year of study in any approved college of medicine. Other exceptions to this rule may be made only upon decision of the dean or the appropriate faculty committee of the student’s college/school. To earn another bachelor’s degree, the student must fulfill the requirements of that degree. Please note: pursuing multiple majors within the same degree does not result in earning multiple degrees. Multiple bachelor’s degrees are only conferred when the degrees are different: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, etc.

Diversity Course Requirement
Beginning with the class entering during the fall 2008 semester, all undergraduates must successfully complete the University Approved Diversity courses: one three-credit course from Category One (Race and Racism in the U.S.) and a second three-credit course from either Category One or Category Two (the Diversity of Human Experience). These requirements will apply as well to undergraduate transfer students receiving bachelor’s degrees from May 2012 onward. (See the diversity course list in this catalogue under Academic Offerings/Courses for the approved courses.)

Foundational Writing and Information Literacy Requirement
Beginning with the entering first-year class in fall 2014, all undergraduates are required to successfully complete a three-credit course which provides instruction and practice with foundational writing and information literacy. Any of the three following courses will satisfy this requirement: ENGS 001, HCOL 085, and TAP seminars in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sustainability Requirement
Beginning with the entering first-year class in fall 2015, all undergraduates must meet a General Education requirement in Sustainability. To meet this requirement, students must complete a course, curriculum, or co-curricular module prior to graduation that has been approved by the Faculty Senate’s Sustainability Curriculum Review Committee. (See the sustainability course list in this catalogue under Academic Offerings/Courses for the approved courses.)