Definition of Academic Terms

Degrees

Union University offers nine undergraduate degrees—Associate of Divinity, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and the Bachelor of Social Work—and 12 graduate degrees—the Master of Education, the Master of Arts in Education, the Master of Urban Education, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Christian Studies, the Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, the Educational Specialist, the Master of Social Work, the Doctor of Education, the Doctor of Ministry, the Doctor of Nursing Practice, and the Doctor of Pharmacy. Graduate Studies are described in the Graduate Catalogue.

A student may have two baccalaureate degrees conferred when the requirements of both have been met, provided the student has a minimum of 30 resident hours to offer, over and above that required for the first degree. A new major including a minimum of 15 upper-level hours in the major taken at Union and any prerequisites to the major must be completed for the second degree.

Upon completion of degree requirements, the student is awarded the appropriate diploma for his/her degree.

Credit Hour

The unit for counting credit is the semester hour. A semester hour is defined as an hour of class work a week, or its equivalent in laboratory, pursued for one semester.

Full-Time Student

To be classified as a full-time student during a semester, a student must carry a minimum credit hour load of 12 semester hours; for full-time status in the Winter Term or each of the Summer Terms, a student must carry a minimum of three hours.

Grades and Quality Points

A is reserved for performance that is definitely superior in quality.
B is for consistently good work that is above average.
C is for satisfactory performance.
D is for minimal passing.
F indicates failure.

Both Progress Reports and Final Grades are reported by letter which may be interpreted in percentage figures: A 95-100, B 85-94, C 75-84, D 65-74, F below 65. A, B, C, and D are passing grades; F is failure; N is audit. The grade of I, indicating incomplete work, must be made up within the first five weeks of the Fall/Spring semester following issuance; otherwise, the course is graded to reflect the incomplete work. The grade of IP (In Progress) will be issued for courses which by design extend into the following

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Department	Majors	Degrees	Emphases and Concentrations	Minors
Institute for International and Intercultural Studies	Intercultural Studies	BA	Global Regional	Intercultural Studies Humanitarian Studies
Language	Applied Linguistics	BA		Applied Linguistics French Spanish Teaching English as a Second Language
	French*	BA	Language and Culture Literature and Culture	
	Spanish*	BA	Language and Culture Literature and Culture	
	Teaching English as a Second Language*	BA		
Mathematics	Mathematics*## Mathematics with Discipline-Specific Honors	BA or BS		Actuarial Science Mathematics
Music	Music	BA		Music
	Church Music	BM	Organ	

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Department	Majors	Degrees	Emphases and Concentrations	Minors
Sociology	Family Studies	BA or BS		Family Studies Human Studies Sociology
	Sociology	BA or BS	General Social Organization	
Social Work	Social Work@@ #	BSW		
Theology and Missions	Biblical Studies—Languages Christian Ministry and Missions Christian Studies Christian Thought and Tradition Philosophy Theology and Missions with Discipline-Specific Honors	BA		Biblical Studies Christian Ministry and Missions Christian Studies Christian Thought and Tradition Philosophy
	Sport Management	BS	Ministry	
	Christian Ministry	Diploma@ ADIV@		

* Teacher Licensure available
@ Available only as an Adult Studies Program
@@ Available also as an Adult Studies Program

Regulations Concerning Quantity of Work

The maximum hours recommended for any student is

Summary of Minimum Requirements for Graduation

have changed, be skilled in scientific methodologies, and know their advantages and limitations. They should also understand and appreciate things we cannot touch, such as logic, numbers, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. Guided by Christian ideals, students should know how our understanding of creation can be used to improve life, alleviate suffering, and inspire beauty.

Union students need to know and love the human realm of creation. We want our students to understand (and wonder at) the physical, spiritual, and imaginative nature of humanity—in themselves, in others, in communities, and in cultures past and present. It is important for them to know the great ideas that have shaped how we live and think and to contemplate the creativity and self-reflection that so distinguish people from the rest of creation. We want them to see models of excellence in others that they may seek excellence for themselves. They need skills associated with human interaction. Finally, in all our studies of humanity, we want our students to be guided by Christian conceptions of human identity and purpose and to imitate Christ in service to others.

Throughout these academic pursuits and built into core courses, we want our students to develop a Christ-like character. The core curriculum at Union not only challenges students to know and to be /T12 74w 10 2 /Sb BT/T12 10 0 1x0 10 0 63 604.0nsoTJETllence in 8 >>c 0.12uiperce

General Core Requirements for All Bachelor Degrees
Gateway Course, 2 hours A transition course will continue to be offered until Gateway development is completed.
Christian Studies, 6 hours CHR 111 and 112. Old and New Testament Survey
Composition, 6 hours ENG 111 and 112. Written Composition I and II
Fine Arts, 3 hours ART 210. The Arts In Western Civilization (3)
History*, 6 hours HIS 101 and 102, World Civilization to/from 18th Century *Students seeking elementary teacher licensure must substitute HIS 211 and HIS 212.
Laboratory Science, 8 hours, One course from each group: Group A: CHE 105 (4), CHE 111 (4), PHY 111 (4), PHY 213 (4), or PHY 231 (5) Group B: BIO 100 (4), BIO 112 (4), BIO 110 (4), or BIO 221 (4)
Literature, 6 hours, One of the sequences below: Sequence A: ENG 201, 202. Survey of World Literature (6); Sequence B: FRE 311, 312, 317. Survey of French Literature (6), select any two; Sequence C: SPA 311, 312, 316, 317. Survey of Spanish Literature (6), select any two.
Mathematics, 3 hours Any mathematics course MAT 101 or higher. See your advisor for mathematics requirements or options for your major.
Oral Communication,** 3 hours, One of COM 112 or 235. **School of Nursing and Bachelor of Social Work students meet this requirement by successfully completing their prescribed major courses.
Physical Education, 2 hours PEWS 100. Fitness for Health (1) And one physical activity elective course (such as Golf or Volleyball). PEWS 103 is required for the nonswimmer as determined by standards administered in PEWS 100.
Social Science and Humanities Options, 3 hours, One of the following: ECO 211 (3), ECO 212 (3), HON 210 (3), PHL 240 (3), PSC 211 (3), PSY 213 (3), or SOC 211 (3)
TOTAL GENERAL CORE HOURS, 48 hours Confer with your faculty advisor for limitations of options required in some programs of study.
In addition to the above requirements, each major will address Christian thought and action issues in a capstone experience.

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Specific Core Requirements For A Bachelor Of Arts Degree (18 hours minimum)
(In Addition to the General Core Requirements)

Option One. Complete Group A plus at least one 3-hour course from Group B and at least one 3-hour course from Group C1.

A. Foreign Language (12 hours): One language for 2 years or two languages for 1 year each; 111 or higher,
B. Fine, Performing Arts, and Communication Arts: Courses selected from Art, Music or Communication Arts.
C. Humanities: Courses selected from Christian Studies, English, History, Honors, Intercultural Studies, Languages or Philosophy.

CSC 105 may fulfill 3 hours from either Part B or Part C.

Option Two. Complete Group A plus at least one 3-hour course from Group B and at least one 3-hour course from Group C1.

A. Foreign Language (6 hours): One language, 111 or higher, for 1 year.
B. Fine, Performing Arts, and Communication Arts: Courses selected from Art, Music, or Communication Arts.
C. Humanities: Courses selected from the following areas: Christian Studies, English, History, Honors, Intercultural Studies, Languages or Philosophy.

CSC 105 may fulfill 3 hours from either Part B or Part C.

Specific Core Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree (18 hours minimum)
(In Addition to the General Core Requirements)

Option One. A minimum of 2 courses from 2 Groups and 1 course from the 3rd Group

A. Mathematics 111 or higher; and/or Computer Science
B. Natural Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
C. Social Science (Economics, Finance, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)

Due to common content CSC 105 and CSC 115 may apply to A but not both.

Option Two. A minimum of 8 hours in 2 of the 3 Groups (Mathematics, Natural Science and Social Science as shown immediately above)

Due to common content CSC 105 and CSC 115 may apply to Mathematics but not both.

Specific Core Requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
(In Addition to the General Core Requirements, 36 hours)*

ACC 211-12, Principles of Accounting I–II	6 hours
BAD 224, Quantitative Methods for Business	3 hours
BLAW 321, Legal Environment of Business	3 hours
CSC 105, Survey of Microcomputing Applications	3 hours
ECO 211-12, Principles of Macroeconomics, Microeconomics	6 hours
FIN 320, Business Financial Management I	3 hours
MAT 114, Introduction to Statistics and Probability	3 hours
MGT 310, Management Information Systems	3 hours
MGT 318, Principles of Management	3 hours
MKT 328, Principles of Marketing	3 hours

* Upper-level courses must be earned with a grade of C or higher

Specific Core Requirements for a Bachelor of Social Work
(In Addition to the General Core Requirements, 18 hours)

SOC 211, Principles of Sociology	3 hours
Modern Foreign Language or Culture (see ICS Major for options)	3 hours
Advisor-approved electives outside Social Work	9 hours
Modern Foreign Language	3 hours

Specific Core Requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering
(in Addition to the General Core Requirements, 29 hours)

CHE 113, Survey of Chemical Instrumentation	2 hours
CSC 255, Programming in C	3 hours
MAT 212-13, Calculus and Analytic Geometry II and III	8 hours
MAT 314, Differential Equations	3 hours
MAT 208 or 315, Statistics or Linear Algebra	3 hours
PHY 231-32, General Physics I and II	10 hours

Courses Beyond the Required General Education Core

Majors and Minors

By the beginning of the junior year, each student is required to select one subject as his/her major and one as his/her minor, with the exceptions of B.M., B.S.N, B.S.E., degrees and majors in Cell and Molecular Biology, Chemical Physics, Conservation Biology, Engineering, Physics, Sports Medicine, Sport Management, Athletic Training, and Digital Media Studies. All juniors are required to have a Degree Audit with an Academic Center Degree Auditor or the Director of Teacher Education.

A major consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours; a minor consists of a minimum of 18 hours. Requirements are detailed within the departments of the *Catalogue*.

Courses applying toward a major(s) or minor(s) cannot apply toward another major(s) or minor(s). Of the requirements in the major, 15 hours must be from upper-level courses (courses numbered above >299) earned at Union University. Of the requirements in the minor, 6 hours must be from upper-level courses earned at Union. All majors and minors must be approved by the major professors and the Registrar.

To satisfy the requirements for the major/minor, only grades of "C" or above in upper-level courses may be included. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained in each major and minor.

The student's choice of a major may require the student select a Track, Endorsement, Emphasis, or Concentration. Track is used to describe different curricular paths culminating in the completion of the same degree. References to Endorsement are applicable only to the Teacher Education Program. No notation of the Endorsement or Track will appear on the student's transcript or diploma. The terms Emphasis and Concentration are used interchangeably to denote specializations of content related to the major. These notations appear on the transcript and diploma as a Specialization of the major.

Independent Studies

Independent Studies are available for highly motivated students interested in areas not covered by the regular courses and having both aptitude and discipline to do independent research. The program places major responsibility upon the student to identify an area of interest and seek the help of a professor qualified in that area to structure and formally define the course of study and assess the quality of work done.

Any junior or senior who has a minimum GPA of 2.75 is eligible to apply for independent study. Exceptional cases may be reviewed by the student's college/school dean.

No student will be permitted to enroll for more than one independent study per semester or term. The maximum hours which any student may apply toward graduation by independent study is nine.

No *Catalogue* course may be offered by independent study. No course taken by independent study may substitute for any specific course required by the core curriculum, a program for teacher licensure, or any course required by a major or minor.

Students should check with the Academic Center

Affiliations With Other Agencies and Institutions

Council for Christian Colleges And Universities (CCCU)

Union University's membership in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, a national association of 110 Christian institutions, enables us to offer students off-campus learning opportunities sponsored by or affiliated with the Council. See the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies for program details.

Consortium for Global Education (CGE)

The Consortium for Global Education is an association of nearly 50 private U.S. colleges and universities committed to the development of international education. See the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies for more details.

Mid-Continent Consortium

The Mid-Continent Consortium is an association of regional institutions that collaborate to develop international study programs. The consortium currently works with programs in Canada, France, Spain, Mexico and Germany.

College Articulation Agreements

Union University has articulation agreements (transfer guidelines) with several colleges including Jackson State Community College and Dyersburg State Community College. The agreements determine which credit courses will transfer as equivalent courses at Union University and which will receive elective credits.

Cross-Campus Agreement

The consortium agreement of Freed-Hardeman University and Union University allows a student enrolled at one of these universities to take an undergraduate course at either of them. The student obtains permission to do so, pays tuition, and receives credit at his/her "home college" where he/she is a degree-seeking registrant; the term "host college" is used for the institution attended for limited purposes in order to further his program in his home college.

Students may seek enrollment in a host school for the following reasons:

1. Course scheduling difficulties, or
2. Special programs are available at only one institution.

Additional information is available in the Academic Center.

Emma Waters Summar Library Agreements and Partnerships

The Library participates in several formal agreements and partnerships with other libraries and library organizations to extend its service base. These local, state, and regional cooperative library programs greatly enhance student and faculty access to materials and facilitate the sharing of resources. These agreements include the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium, Tenn-Share, Lyrasis, the Association of Christian Librarians, the Christian Library Consortium, and Waldo. The library is an active participant in the nationwide OCLC and DOCLINE interlibrary loan systems and Tennessee's statewide courier, Firefly. These agreements and partnerships afford cooperative ventures with colleagues, their institutional resources and further enhance the library services and resource collections offered to the Union University community.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Agreement

The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, MS, offers courses in marine biology to qualified Union students. Junior and Senior students in Biology should check with the Biology Department for details.

Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Science Agreements

Programs under these agreements are accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association upon recommendation of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). Each is at least 12 months in duration with Union granting 59 semester hours toward the Union baccalaureate degree for which the student is a candidate. Union offers prerequisite courses for a major in Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Science at Union sufficient to fulfill the minimum requisites for admission to the Medical Technology/ Clinical Laboratory Science Program. Qualified students may sit for the certifying examination of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, Board of Registry.