Graduation Requirements

Regulations Applicable to All Baccalaureate Degrees

General Education

It is the mission of General Education to provide a foundation for sustained lifelong learning. The program is designed to help the student develop his/her abilities to reason critically, analyze objectively, think creatively, perceive assumptions, make judgments on the basis of values, construct arguments, use evidence, and communicate and observe effectively. Through General Education the specific skills of reading, writing, computation, comprehension, listening, and speaking will be enhanced. The program also seeks to instill an appreciation and understanding of the creative, intellectual, social, and scientific forces that shape our history and guide our lives.

When General Education is successfully completed, the student should be prepared to perform effectively and responsibly in society and should have the base of knowledge necessary for the pursuit of advanced studies.

The following General Education requirements apply to all baccalaureate degrees. These requirements exist to ensure that each student’s program contains a significant liberal arts emphasis. It is expected that students will complete the General Education requirements within their first 60 hours.

Total Hours: 35

Composition: 6 Credit Hours
ENGL 1013 Composition I and
ENGL 1023 Composition II

Communication: 3 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following:
COMM 1023 Public Speaking
COMM 2283 Business & Professional Speech
COMM 2203 Interpersonal Communication
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Fine Arts: 3 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following:
- ART 1053  Art Appreciation
- MUS 1113  Music Appreciation

Humanities: 3 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following:
- ENGL 2283  World Literature I
- ENGL 2293  World Literature II

Mathematics: 3 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following:
- MATH 1003  Survey of Mathematics
- MATH 1043  College Algebra
- Or any MATH 1000-level or above

Social Sciences: 9 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following (3 hours):
- HIST 2213  American History I
- HIST 2223  American History II
- PSCI 2213  American National Government
Choose two courses from two different disciplines from the following (6 hours):
- ANTH 2203  Cultural Anthropology
- CJ 1013  Introduction to Criminal Justice
- ECON 2203  Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2213  Principles of Microeconomics
- GEOG 2213  Geography I
- GEOG 2223  Geography II
- HIST 1013  Survey of Civilization I
- HIST 1023  Survey of Civilization II
- PSY 1013  Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 2213  Introduction to Sociology
- SWK 1013  Introduction to Social Work

Science with labs: 8 Credit Hours
Choose eight hours from two 3-hour lecture courses with associated 1-hour labs or two 4-hour courses with integrated labs chosen from two of the following disciplines:
- Biological Science
- Earth Science
- Chemistry
- Physics

Total Hours: 35

Senior Credit Requirement
For any baccalaureate degree, a total of 40 semester hours must be earned in courses numbered at the 3000-4000 level. At least 20 hours in the major and at least nine hours in the minor must be at the 3000-4000 level unless otherwise specified.

Residency Requirement
For a baccalaureate degree, candidates must have earned at least 30 semester hours in residence at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, 24 of which must be taken after attaining senior class standing, and a portion of which must be in the major and/or minor field. Special permission to deviate from the senior residence requirement may be granted in individual cases where a proposal has merit relative to the student’s academic objectives. Such requests must be presented in writing by the student to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and must have the approval of the student’s major advisor and the Academic Appeals Committee. The requirement that 24 hours be taken after achieving senior standing may be waived for students in programs at institutions that have entered into specific articulation agreements with UAM. For an associate degree, at least 15 semester credit hours of the degree requirements must be fulfilled by credit earned from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Technical credit hours do not count toward the Associate of Arts degree or the Associate of Science degree.

Second Baccalaureate Degree
Occasionally students may wish to pursue a second baccalaureate degree. In such cases, students must meet all major and degree identity requirements for the second degree, earn at least 30 semester hours of credit in residence beyond the first degree requirements, and satisfy all grade point average requirements.

Second Major
A student may complete a second major. All requirements for both majors must be fulfilled; however, only the degree identity requirements for the first major must be fulfilled. Students who have already earned a baccalaureate degree are not eligible to seek a second major except by earning a second, separate degree.

Graduation under a Particular Catalog
Students have a maximum of six years to graduate under the catalog in effect at the time of their original enrollment. Students have the following three options: (1) abiding by the requirements of the UAM catalog in effect at the time of their original enrollment, (2) abiding by a more current active UAM catalog, as long as they were enrolled at UAM during one or more terms in which the catalog was in effect, or (3) abiding by the most current catalog. Changes in academic programs or actions taken by authorities external to the University (e.g., accrediting agencies or state agencies) may make it necessary for a student to move to a more recent catalog.
The present catalog is in force from Summer II 2013 through Summer I 2015. Candidates for graduate degrees should refer to the graduate section of the catalog.

Grade Point Requirement for Graduation
A minimum grade point average of 2.00 is required in: 1) major field, 2) minor field, and 3) overall. Some majors require all (or some) major courses to be completed with a minimum grade of “C.”

Advisement Report Requirement
Following completion of 70 hours and prior to the completion of 90 hours, baccalaureate students must have an advisement report on file in the Office of the Registrar. Students who have completed 90 or more hours must have a signed advisement report on file to register for the next semester. Students seeking an associate degree must file an advisement report between 35 and 45 hours. Students seeking technical certificates must file a Graduation Advisement Report in the final semester of study. Advisement Reports must include the signature of the student, advisor, unit head, and Registrar.

When a student applies for graduation, which occurs the semester before the intended graduation or in the final semester of study (technical certificate students), the student must meet with his/her advisor to complete and sign the Graduation Advisement Report. The signed report is then submitted to the Office of the Registrar. The signed report is used by the Registrar’s Office as a checklist to assist with the verification of the student’s graduation requirements.

Lack of knowledge or incorrect interpretation of University policies and regulations does not remove the student from the obligation to satisfy all requirements for a degree/certificate. The student bears the ultimate responsibility for completing a degree/certificate program. (See the Commencement section elsewhere in this section.)

Specific Degree Requirements

Baccalaureate Degrees
Candidates for any baccalaureate degree must complete the following four requirements:
1. At least 120 hours of course work at or above the 1000-level in addition to any required courses below the 1000-level. At least 40 hours must be earned in courses numbered at the 3000-4000 level;
2. The General Education Program as listed elsewhere in this catalog;
3. A comprehensive major or a major of at least 30 hours and a minor of at least 18 hours.
4. The residency requirements as described elsewhere in this catalog.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree
Students receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree will be exposed to a diversity of thought and communication.
Candidates for a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete twelve hours as stipulated below. Students cannot use courses within their major. Students whose major is Early Childhood Education or Middle Childhood Education are exempt from this requirement.
Candidates for a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete:
At least six hours of one foreign language (a language other than English).
Six hours from the courses listed below:
- Any foreign language courses
- ART 3403 Art History I Survey: Prehistoric to Renaissance
- ART 3413 Art History II Survey: Renaissance to Present
- HIST 3423 Britain
- HIST 3503 Middle East and North Africa
- HIST 3553 Africa
- HIST 3563 Russia
- HIST 4623 East Asia
- Any other non-American history course at the 3000-4000 level
- MUS 3563 History of Music I
- MUS 3573 History of Music II
- ENGL 3343 Bible as Literature
- ENGL 3353 History and Development of Film
- ENGL 3423 British Literature I
- ENGL 3433 British Literature II
- ENGL 3453 International Short Stories
- ENGL 3583 Critical Theory and Approaches to Literature
- ENGL 4593 Introduction to Language Study
- ENGL 4613 British Novel
- ENGL 4623 Shakespeare
- ENGL 4743 Film and Literature
- PHIL 2223 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 3523 Logic
PHIL 3623 Ethics
PHIL 4603 History of Philosophy
PSCI 3443 Middle East Politics
PSCI 3463 International Relations
PSCI 3583 European Politics
PSCI 4683 Western Political Theory
COMM 3413 Intercultural Communication

B.A. Majors
Art
Communication
English
Health & Physical Education (non-licensure)
History
Middle Childhood Education
Modern Languages
Music
P-4 Early Childhood Education
Political Science

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) Degree
Refer to the Division of General Studies section elsewhere in this catalog.

The Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) Degree
Refer to the School of Business section elsewhere in this catalog.

B.B.A. Majors
Accounting
Business Administration

The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) Degree
The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree is designed to enhance interdisciplinary studies and allows for greater curricular flexibility for students who desire to pursue coursework in more than one area of interest. At the same time, it affords students the opportunity to make choices that are geared toward their particular goals and plans for employment or further study. This degree in itself leads to no specific licensure or certification. Students seeking licensure or certification in their chosen field should consult with an academic advisor in that area. The transcript and diploma for this degree reads "Bachelor of General Studies" with no major, minor, or emphasis designation.

Refer to the Division of General Studies elsewhere in this catalog.

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree
Students receiving a Bachelor of Science degree must exhibit a breadth of knowledge in science and mathematics. Candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree must complete at least seventeen hours of mathematics, natural sciences, or technology. At least fourteen of the hours must come from the area of mathematics and natural sciences as defined under the "Mathematics and Natural Sciences" General Education requirements found elsewhere in this catalog. Three of the hours may come from the Computer Information Systems/Computer Science discipline.

B.S. Majors
Agriculture
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Information Systems
Criminal Justice
Forest Resources
Health and Physical Education
Mathematics
Natural Science
Psychology
Spatial Information Systems
Teaching and Learning

Minors and Collaterals
Minor programs approved by the University are eligible under the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs. When approved by the major advisor and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, an individualized, interdisciplinary and/or collateral area of study of not less than 18 hours may be offered in lieu of a minor. Both minors and collaterals must include at least nine hours of 3000-4000 level course work.

An interdisciplinary international studies collateral can be designed in consultation with the student's advisor and the unit head for the major field. Courses such as the following might be included: International Business; General Geography; Conversational Spanish; French Civilization and Culture; history courses in Britain, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Africa, East Asia, Russia, or Latin America; the English Seminar in Recent International Fiction; or the political science courses in International Relations, Middle East Politics, European Politics, Global Studies or Comparative Politics. Survey of World Literature I and II, Civilization I and II, Elementary French, and Elementary Spanish courses cannot be counted toward the requirements for a collateral. In every case, the courses planned for a collateral must show a good distribution among areas of study.

The Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) Degree
Refer to the School of Arts and Humanities section elsewhere in this catalog.
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The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Degree
Refer to the School of Nursing section elsewhere in this catalog.

The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree
Refer to the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences section elsewhere in this catalog.

Other Degrees and Certificates
For information on the requirements for graduate degrees, please refer to the Graduate Programs section found elsewhere in this catalog. For information on certificate requirements, please refer to the Colleges of Technology section elsewhere in this catalog.

Requirements for Admission to Teacher Education
In compliance with State of Arkansas law, the University requires that each student pursuing a degree in a program leading to licensure as a teacher meet certain requirements for admission to the teacher education program. One of the requirements for admission to the teacher education program is the achievement of passing scores on all parts of the Praxis I (reading, writing, and mathematics). Among the requirements for admission to the internship year, students must earn passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II specialty area examination in their teaching area. Prior to graduation students are required to have passing scores on the Praxis II, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), test. Specific admission requirements are available from the School of Education office located in Willard Hall on the Monticello campus.

Degree Requirements for Professional School Candidates (Veterinary, Medical, Dental, Law, Pharmacy, etc.)

Students who enter accredited professional programs before actually completing all degree requirements may be granted the baccalaureate degree under the following circumstances: students must have completed 93 hours of undergraduate course work including the state core curriculum of general education requirements, at least 12 hours at the 3000-4000 level, and at least 30 hours completed in residence at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. After completion of the course work at the accredited professional school deemed appropriate to satisfy all graduation requirements including those of a specific major, the student may then be awarded the degree upon request. Degrees will be awarded only for programs of study that are offered by the University at that time.

Graduation with Honors
The University recognizes graduates of baccalaureate degree programs who have excelled in their studies. At the baccalaureate degree level, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 to graduate cum laude. To graduate magna cum laude students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.70. The highest recognition is summa cum laude which requires a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.90.

To graduate with honors, baccalaureate students must have at least sixty hours in residence at UAM. Only 1000-level courses and above are used to compute the hours in residence and the grade point average.

Commencement
Degrees and technical certificates are conferred in May, August, and December. Technical certificates are also conferred in June. The official graduation date is three business days following the last examination of the semester or term.

Degree-seeking students must submit an online “Application for Graduation” with the Registrar the semester before they expect to graduate. Students who plan to graduate in May must apply for graduation at least ten weeks prior to the end of the fall semester. Students who plan to graduate in August or December must apply for graduation at least ten weeks prior to the end of the spring semester. When degree-seeking students apply for graduation, they must meet with their advisor to complete and sign the Graduation Advisement Report which is then submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

Students seeking a technical certificate should contact their College of Technology Office of Student Services during the first three weeks of their final semester of study to complete and sign the Graduation Advisement Report (which is then submitted to the Office of the Registrar) and to complete the online “Application for Graduation.”

A commencement ceremony for awarding degrees is conducted on the Monticello campus in May. A commencement ceremony for awarding technical certificates is conducted separately by both of the College of Technology campuses.

Students must complete all degree requirements, including required exit examinations and/or all tests, for the baccalaureate or associate degree or technical certificate in order to participate in the commencement. Requests for exceptions must be initiated with the Dean of the academic unit under which the degree is housed and forwarded to the Provost for approval. Students may only participate in one commencement ceremony for each degree or technical certificate earned. (See “Graduation Advisement Report Requirements” elsewhere in this section.)

Arkansas Core Curriculum
The Arkansas Board of Higher Education, by legislative direction, establishes at each public college and university a 35 hour general education core is fully contained within the Associate of Arts degree, the Associate of Science in Land Surveying degree,
and all baccalaureate degrees. This 35-credit block is fully transferable among Arkansas public institutions and will satisfy corresponding degree requirements at each institution. The University maintains a current list of the 35-credit core from other Arkansas public institutions.

The University’s 35-hour general education core is listed below. It is fully contained within the General Education program required for all baccalaureate degrees, within the general education program for the Associate of Arts degree, and within the requirements for the Associate of Science in Land Surveying Technology degree.

**State Core Curriculum: 35 Credit Hours**

**Composition: 6 Credit Hours**
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- ENGL 1033 Honors Composition I
- and
- ENGL 1023 Composition II or
- ENGL 1043 Honors Composition II

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Choose one of the following:
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Choose two courses from two different disciplines from the following (6 hours):
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- CJ 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2213 Principles of Microeconomics
- GEOG 2213 Geography I
- GEOG 2223 Geography II
- HIST 1013 Survey of Civilization I
- HIST 1023 Survey of Civilization II
- PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology
- SWK 1013 Introduction to Social Work

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- Chemistry
- Physics

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