BACHELOR’S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: FINE, PERFORMING AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

Credits

A candidate for a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, or Bachelor of Science degree must complete at least 120 credits. Certain curricula may require additional credits. Also see Restrictions on Credit below. Degree components comprising these credits are: 1) General Education Requirements; 2) College Requirements; 3) Department Requirements; and, 4) Major Requirements.

General Education Requirements

University-wide General Education Requirements are designed to enhance students’ basic skills and the diversity of their intellectual background. These requirements assure minimal competence in those skills needed to succeed in college and professional life and provide a selective introduction to the increasingly broad range of academic disciplines represented at the University. They serve to emphasize the fundamental means and essential knowledge required for continuing self-education and intellectual growth.

Entering undergraduate students in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts are required to satisfy the University General Education requirements (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education).

College Requirements

Bachelor of Arts Degrees

Foreign Language Requirement

For students choosing Bachelor of Arts degree programs, the College foreign language requirement also fulfills the University General Education Foreign Culture requirement.

All students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts must successfully demonstrate proficiency equivalent to the three-course basic sequence in a single foreign language (course numbers 1010, 1020 and 2010) or a two-course sequence of foreign language plus one semester of foreign culture taught in English. For students choosing the three-course language sequence, the requirement is satisfied by completing the 2010 course in one of the following languages: Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, or Ukrainian.

Those students continuing in the study of a foreign language begun in high school or at another college may wish to take the qualifying examinations or interviews administered by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, to place into an appropriate level in the three-course or two-course sequence and must complete the sequence based on placement to demonstrate proficiency. The College Foreign Language Requirement will be considered satisfied by those students whose test scores place them beyond the intermediate (2010 course) level.

Bilingual Students

The College Foreign Language Requirement will be considered satisfied for students who were born in and completed their secondary education in a country whose language is not English. In addition, the requirement will be considered satisfied for a student who, through qualifying examinations, is deemed fluent in another language (read, write and speak). However, no credit (through course work or by examination) will be granted for elementary- or intermediate-level courses in that language. Bilingual students who satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement in this manner will simultaneously fulfill the University General Education Requirement in Foreign Culture.

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science Degrees

Students pursuing degree programs other than the Bachelor of Arts also have the option to choose one course taught in English about a foreign culture from the University General Education list of Foreign Culture courses (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education) to satisfy the requirement. Students pursuing degree programs other than the Bachelor of Arts may also choose to satisfy the University General Education Requirement in Foreign Culture (FC) by showing competency in the College Foreign Language Requirement as described above.

Department Requirements

Some of the courses listed in the University General Education program are also courses required by for specific majors within this College. With careful course selection, students may satisfy both General Education Requirements and Department Requirements in some majors (and concentrations, where applicable). The following list itemizes these courses. Only those General Education categories are cited in which such overlapping occurs. For more information, please consult an academic advisor in the major Department.

Critical and Analytic Thinking (CT)

COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies Major:
COM 2110 (CT) Argumentation and Debate 3

Oral Communication (OC)

COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies Major OR Public Relations Major:
COM 1010 (OC) Oral Communication: Basic Speech 3

Life Science (LS)

MUSIC

Music Major (Music Business Concentration):
PSY 1010 (LS) Introductory Psychology (meets lab requirement) 4

PSY 1020 (LS) Elements of Psychology 3

Philosophy and Letters (PL)

ART AND ART HISTORY

BFA in Art Students:
PHI 3700 (PL) Philosophy of Art 3

COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies Major:
COM 2160 (PL) Campaigns and Social Movements 3

MUSIC

Music Major (Music Composition Concentration):
Major Requirements

A major is a program of intensive study in a Department within the College. The specific course requirements for all such majors are listed in this bulletin under each of the Departmental sections. Some degree programs offer students a choice of concentrations within the major. Students who plan to elect a major should consult with a departmental academic advisor prior to initial course registration. Courses in the major (and concentration, as applicable) must be completed with the grade of 'C' (2.0) or higher OR a C- (1.67) or higher depending on the department. In all cases, a student must have achieved a GPA in the major of 'C' (2.0) or higher in order to complete the major. In addition, the student is required to maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of 'C' (2.0) or higher for all University coursework.

Students who have not decided on a particular major area of study may initially select an exploratory option thereby indicating only the intention to take a degree in one of the Departments of the College. These options are Exploratory Communication Arts, Exploratory Fine Arts, Exploratory Music, and Exploratory Performing Arts. In partnership with academic advisors, students are encouraged to choose a specific degree program in one of the Departments within thirty credit hours. The exploratory option is not available for transfer students.

Course requirements vary with each curriculum. Exceptions are permitted to the College rules governing the minimum and maximum credits in the major subject and the maximum credits allowed in restricted courses if provision for such exceptions are stated or implied in the curriculum requirements outlined in this bulletin. Descriptions of courses and the various curricula may be found in this Bulletin, under each of the Departmental sections of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.

Capstone Course: All undergraduate students must successfully complete a capstone course within their major. This course will be taken during the senior year (last thirty credits in course work) and provides a systematic focus on and assessment of the knowledge and skills obtained in the major.

Credits: The major must include at least twenty credits in one subject, exclusive of the introductory courses and inclusive of some advanced work. No more than forty-six credits in the major subject (including introductory courses) may be counted toward a degree, except in specific curricula in which advanced courses are specified in the curriculum outline.

For majors that require intensive study in a particular subject, more than forty-six credits are allowed.

Within the above limits and the University's Bulletin-in-Effect (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education) Graduation Policy (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/bachelors-degree-requirements), each major program has specific requirements, and these requirements may be modified from time to time; therefore, it is the student's responsibility to stay informed of current requirements from the major Department.

The major completed is part of the degree designation on the diploma.

Double Major

If a student wishes to declare a double major, the approval of the chairperson or designated representatives of each of the departments of the intended majors must be obtained. In order for a student to graduate with a double major, the major requirements in both majors (and areas of concentration, as applicable) must be fulfilled. All courses in the major must meet the minimum grade requirement designated by the department and an overall GPA in the major of C (2.0) or higher. In addition, the student is required to maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of 'C' (2.0) or higher for all University coursework.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. If the majors are in two different colleges, the student must complete the General Education curriculum of the college that has the most comprehensive requirements;
2. only the name of the first of the two majors will appear on the diploma; and
3. the names of both majors will appear on the transcript. Students who wish to pursue dual concentrations within a single department must secure the permission of the chairperson or designated
Fine, Performing and Communication Arts: Minor Options

The College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts offers the option of minor concentrations in various subjects both to students in this college and other schools and colleges of the University. Minors are optional and students may choose not to fulfill the typical 18-21 credits of course work that make up a minor. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with departmental academic advisors for course selections. Courses in the minor must be completed with the grade of ‘C’ (2.0) or higher OR a C- (1.67) or higher depending on the department. In all cases, a student must have achieved a GPA in the major of ‘C’ (2.0) or higher in order to complete the minor.

The notation of the minor will appear on the transcript but not on the diploma. Early declaration of the minor is encouraged so that coursework can be incorporated into the student’s ongoing Plan of Work, see above under Academic Procedures (Majors and Minors).

Senior Rule

In addition to the University policy, the College requires that all competency requirements must be met before Senior Rule (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/admission) registrations can be considered. No student who has competency requirements to fulfill in the final semester of his or her undergraduate program will be eligible to apply for Senior Rule.

Teacher Preparation Curricula

Health Examinations, Background Check and CPR Certification

At the beginning of the freshman year, all students entering the University who are considering teacher education work should take the health examination. A health re-check is required as part of the Level 2 application for admission to the College of Education. A background check and CPR certification are also required as part of the admission process for the College of Education.

Teaching: Combined Curriculum for Music, Dance and Communication Majors

This curriculum leads to a bachelor’s degree and a Michigan Secondary Provisional Certificate.

The Combined Curriculum for Secondary Teaching is offered in cooperation with the College of Education and prepares the student for a teaching major in grades K-12 (music, dance) and 7-12 (speech) and a teaching minor in grades 7-12. In this curriculum the student takes the first two years of course work in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. Courses in the third and fourth years are taken concurrently in Education and Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. Students interested in this program should consult a departmental academic advisor who will provide a curriculum outline.

Degree in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts: Students interested in secondary teaching begin their academic studies in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts in their departmental major (and concentration, if available). At the end of the sophomore year, students consult with their academic advisor in their major Department concerning the Level 2 application to the College of Education. Prior to the beginning of the junior year, the student then applies to the College of Education for official admission to the combined...
curriculum for secondary teaching and must be approved by the College of Education as a candidate for teacher certification. During junior and senior years the program requests will be signed by both a College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts major academic advisor and by the appropriate advisor in the College of Education.

**Study Abroad**

Various opportunities for study abroad are available through the University. Students should contact their major Department and the Study Abroad Office for further information regarding these programs.

**Honors Courses**

All departments in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts offer Departmental Honors. Students enrolled in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts who are interested in pursuing University or Departmental Honors curricula should refer to Undergraduate Honors Curricula (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/honors), or contact the departmental honors advisor.

**Restrictions on Credit**

The College imposes the following restrictions on credit:

**Maximum Credits in One Subject:** A student may not count as credit toward a degree more than forty-six credits in courses in any one subject except in specific curricula in which additional courses are specified in the curriculum outline.

**Over-Age Credits:** A student attempting to complete a major after a protracted interruption in education, or on a part-time basis over an extended period of time, may find that some of the early course work is out of date. In such cases, a Department may require refresher work or demonstration of preparation for advanced courses in the Department.

**Restrictions on Transfer Credit — Two-year Schools:** No more than sixty-four semester credits may be transferred from two-year colleges.

**Life Fitness Activity:** No more than eight credits may be earned.

**Credit by Examination:** No more than thirty-two credits earned by examination will apply towards graduation.

**Advanced Courses:** At least fifteen credits in courses numbered 3000 or above must be earned.

**Repeated Subjects:** It is understood that degree credit will not be granted for coursework for which credit has already been granted. Since similar courses may have different names at different times and at different colleges, students are advised to make sure they do not offer repeated coursework as credit toward a degree.

**Extra Credits:** Extra credits are any credits taken in excess of the normal load of eighteen credits per term. A student with a 3.0 grade point average may take more than eighteen credits, but not to exceed twenty-one credits, only when the proposed program carries the written approval of the academic advisor.

**Grade Point Average**

All students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of ’C’ (2.0) for all University coursework. In addition, courses in the major (and concentration, as applicable) must be completed with the grade of ’C’ (2.0) or higher OR a C- (1.67) or higher depending on the department. In all cases, a student must have achieved a GPA in the major of ’C’ (2.0) or higher in order to complete the major.

**Residence Requirement**

To qualify for a baccalaureate degree in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts a minimum of thirty credits must be earned in the College. The last thirty credits applicable to the degree, not including credit by special examination, must be completed in an undergraduate College or School of Wayne State University. Credit by special examination may not be counted as resident credit but such credit, if earned during a semester in which the student is registered, will not be considered an interruption of residence.

In special circumstances, senior residence policy regarding the last thirty credits may be interrupted with the approval of the student’s major Department and the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts Dean’s Office; however, the candidates with less than the minimum thirty credits of residency in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts are not eligible.

Requests for exceptions to the College Residency requirement must be submitted on a “Request for Final Thirty-Credit-Hour Residency Waiver”. The form requires the support and signature of an academic advisor; completed waiver requests must be submitted to the Associate Dean of the College for consideration.