



Graduation Requirements

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOURS BACHELOR DEGREES

First-Year Requirements

Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See “Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees”).

Module Requirements

The Honors Bachelor Degree must include at least an Honors Specialization module or double Major modules. The Honors Specialization module or each double Major module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 70% and a minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. In exceptional circumstances, a student who completes the Honors Specialization module with an average of at least 68% and a mark of at least 60% in each course of the module may graduate with an Honors Degree only with the permission of the Dean on the recommendation of the Department concerned. No concessions are allowed for average and mark requirements for graduation with double Major modules in an Honors Bachelor Degree.

The majority of the courses in each module must be completed through Western. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western's International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through Western but may only account for fewer than half of the courses required in the Honors Specialization, or Major module(s).

Average Requirements

Minimum mark and average requirements must be met for each module. See "Module Requirements" above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 20.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

An overall average of at least 65% must be achieved in the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Senior Course Requirements

At least 13.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

At least 1.0 course numbered 3000 – 4999 must be completed satisfactorily in each Major module leading to an Honors Bachelor Degree – Double Major.

Essay Course Requirements

Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be senior (numbered 2000 - 4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through Western or through one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Residency Requirement

Of the 20.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 15.0 courses must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Breadth Requirements

At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be included (see "Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees"). No more than 14.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for the Honours Bachelor of Science and the Honours Bachelor of Medical Sciences Degrees

For the Honors Bachelor of Science or the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree, the general requirements listed above for Honors Bachelor Degrees must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements:

Of the 20.0 courses required for the Honors Bachelor of Science or the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree, at least 11.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science or approved courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Approved courses are those listed under Medical Sciences in Category C.

Certain modules allow particular courses outside of Category C to count toward this requirement for the purpose of those modules only. These cases are detailed in the relevant module descriptions.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR DEGREES (FOUR-YEAR)

First-Year Requirements

Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See “Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees”).

Module Requirements

The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) must include at least a Specialization module or at least one Major module. The Specialization module or Major module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. The majority of courses for each module must be completed through Western. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western’s International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through Western but may only account for fewer than half of the courses required in the Specialization, or Major module(s).

Average Requirements

The minimum average requirements for each module must be met. See “Module Requirements” above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 20.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements. A cumulative average of at least 60% must be achieved in the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Senior Course Requirements

At least 13.0 senior courses (numbered 2000-4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

Essay Course Requirements

Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be senior (numbered 2000-4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through Western or through one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000-4999) through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Residency Requirements

Of the 20.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 15.0 courses must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000-4999) through Western. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Breadth Requirements

At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B and C must be included (see the policy on “Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees”). No more than 14.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) Degrees

For the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) degree, the general requirements listed above for the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements:

Of the 20.0 courses required for the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) degree, at least 11.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science or approved courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Approved courses are those listed under Medical Sciences in Category C.

Certain modules allow particular courses outside of Category C to count toward this requirement for the purpose of those modules only. These cases are detailed in the relevant module descriptions.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR DEGREES (THREE-YEAR)

First-Year Requirements

Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See the policy on “Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees”).

Module Requirements

The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) must include at least a Major module or two Minor modules. The Major module or each Minor module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. The majority of courses for each module must be completed through Western. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western’s International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through Western.

Average Requirements

The minimum average requirements for each module must be met. See “Module Requirements” above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 15.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

A cumulative average of at least 60% must be achieved in the 15.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Senior Course Requirements

At least 8.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

Essay Course Requirements

Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be a senior course (numbered 2000 - 4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through Western or one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western or one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Residency Requirements

Of the 15.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 10.0 courses must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Breadth Requirements

At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be included (see "Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees"). No more than 9.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 15.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year)

For the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year), the general requirements listed above for the Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements: of the 15.0 courses required for the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year), at least 8.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science.