

Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honours Programs

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STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE

Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees

Students are required to meet the breadth requirements for bachelor degrees in order to widen their knowledge and understanding across a broader range of disciplines.

Exposure to different disciplines enables students to develop insight and experience in areas distinct from their main fields of study.

First-Year Program

Students registering in general first-year programs must choose courses that fulfill the basic requirement of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. Additionally, students are subject to the Breadth Requirements outlined below. Students are encouraged to take an essay course in first year.

Except with Special Permission, a student must not register for a full program of senior courses (numbered 2000 to 4999) until the 5.0 courses of first year have been completed satisfactorily.

Students are responsible for choosing courses that fulfill the prerequisites for senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999). Specific prerequisites are included in the individual course descriptions listed in the UNDERGRADUATE COURSE INFORMATION. If in doubt, students should seek appropriate counselling and consult directly with the department(s) concerned. Prospective first-year students should seek help in choosing courses during the Summer Academic Orientation.

Part-time students who have completed 1.0 first-year course are eligible to register in senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) for which they have completed the prerequisite(s). Part-time students who have a substantial background and interest in a particular subject area are eligible, on written recommendation of the Dean of their Faculty, to register in a senior course pertinent to that subject prior to the completion of a first-year course. All part-time students must complete successfully the 5.0 first-year courses within their first 10.0 courses attempted.

Breadth Requirements for First Year

First-year students must include 1.0 course from **each of two of the three categories** (A, B, and C) shown below.

Breadth Requirements for Graduation

At least 1.0 course must be chosen from **each of the three categories** (A, B, and C) shown below. Any outstanding breadth requirement not completed in first year must be completed prior to graduation. Note: Not all subjects listed below offer first-year courses.

CATEGORY A

Social Science

Anthropology, Economics, [Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies], Geography, History, Indigenous Studies, International Relations, Jewish Studies, Leadership Studies, Management and Organizational Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology

Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary

American Studies, Analytics and Decision Sciences, Animal Ethics and Sustainability Leadership, Canadian Studies, Childhood and Youth Studies, Creative Arts, Dance, Disability Studies, Education, Family Studies and Human Development, Global Studies, [Governance, Leadership, and Ethics], Health Sciences, Human Rights Studies, Information and Media Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Kinesiology, Linguistics, Media and the Public Interest, Media and Communication Studies, Nursing, Rehabilitation Sciences, [Politics, Philosophy and Economics], Social Justice and Peace Studies, Social Science, Transitional Justice

Various

Business Administration, Digital Communication, Foods and Nutrition, Human Ecology, Law, Music, Social Work, Thanatology

CATEGORY B

Arts and Humanities

Art History, Arts and Humanities, Classical Studies, Comparative Literature and Culture, Creative Arts, Digital Humanities, East Asia Studies, English, Film Studies, French Studies, [Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies], Global Great Books, Intercultural Communications, Islamic Studies, Italian Studies, Linguistics, Medieval Studies, Museum and Curatorial Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, School for Advanced Studies in Arts and Humanities, Speech, Studio Art, The New Liberal Arts, Theatre Studies, Theological Studies, Visual Arts History, Visual Arts Studio, World Literatures and Cultures, Writing

Languages

American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

CATEGORY C

Engineering

Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Leadership and Innovation, Engineering Science, Green Process Engineering, Integrated Engineering, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, Software Engineering

Medical Science

Anatomy and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Biostatistics, Chemical Biology, Epidemiology, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Medical Bioinformatics, Medical Biophysics, Medical Sciences, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, One Health, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology, Physiology and Pharmacology

Science

Actuarial Science, Applied Mathematics, Astronomy, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Data Science, Differential Equations, Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, History of Science, Integrated Science, Linear Algebra, Materials Science, Mathematics, Numerical and Mathematical Methods, Physics, Planetary Science, Science, Statistical Sciences

Various

Communication Sciences and Disorders, Financial Modelling

Faculty of Registration

First-year students normally will be enrolled in a first-year program in their Faculty of Registration, e.g., Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Engineering, Music, Science, Social Science and Affiliated University Colleges.

In subsequent years, normal entrance requirements apply for placement in modules and programs. The essential module(s) for the degree will determine the Faculty of Registration. However, for students enrolled in Year 2 in Basic Medical Sciences modules leading to a BMSc degree, registration is in the Faculty of Science. For students enrolled in Years 3 and 4 in Basic Medical Sciences modules leading to a BMSc degree, registration is in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Students registered in Double Majors or Double Minors that include modules offered by two different faculties in Arts and Humanities, Science or Social Science must choose one of the two faculties as their Faculty of Registration. Students registered in Double Majors or Double Minors that include modules offered by one of certain faculties such as Health Sciences or Information and Media Studies must register in that Faculty.

The Degree Structure

The Modules

There are four possible modules of study which may be entered after First Year:

- Honours Specialization (9.0 or more specified courses)
- Specialization (9.0 or more specified courses)
- Major (6.0 -7.0 specified courses)
- Minor (4.0 -5.0 specified courses)

The modular degree structure affords the opportunity to combine various subjects from different departments and faculties. The chart below shows how modules can be combined in the three different types of degrees offered. The modules taken must fit within these degree structures. Departments, schools, faculties and affiliated university colleges may offer some or all of the above modules. See faculty and department listings for details. Combinations other than those listed below have not been approved; consequently, they may not be taken. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

DEGREE TYPE	Honours Specializati on Module	Specializa tion Module	Major Module	Major Module	Minor Module	Minor Module
Honours Bachelor	E					
Honours	E		A			
Bachelor						
Honours	E				A	
Bachelor						
Honours			E	E		
Bachelor						
Honours			E	E	А	
Bachelor						
Bachelor		E				
Four-Year			•			
Bachelor		E	A			
Four-Year		E			^	
Bachelor Four-Year		E			A	
Bachelor			E	A		
Four-Year			E	A		
Bachelor			Е			
Four-Year			L			
Bachelor			E		A	
Four-Year			-			
Bachelor			E		Α	Α
Four-Year						
Bachelor			E	Α	А	
Four-Year						
Bachelor			E			
Three-Year						
Bachelor			E		A	
Three-Year						
Bachelor					E	E
Three-Year						

Approved Module Combinations for Degrees

E (Essential Modules)

A (Additional Modules)

The Honours Bachelor Degree - (A minimum of 20.0 Courses)

15.0 courses after first year, including at least an Honours Specialization or a Double Major, as follows:

- **Honours Specialization** module (9.0 or more) This may be combined with a Major module or a Minor module or option(s).
- **Major** module (6.0 -7.0) plus a **Major** module (6.0 -7.0) plus **option(s)** (3.0 1.0)
- **Major** module (6.0-7.0) plus a **Major** module (6.0-7.0) plus a **Minor** module (4.0-5.0)

This combination requires two Major modules.

The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) - (A minimum of 20.0 Courses)

15.0 courses after first year including at least a Specialization module or a Major module, as follows:

- **Specialization** module (9.0 or more) This may be combined with a Major module or a Minor module or option(s).
- **Major** module (6.0 -7.0) plus a **Major** module (6.0 -7.0) plus **option(s)** (3.0 1.0)
- **Major** module (6.0-7.0) plus a **Majo**r module (6.0-7.0) plus a **Minor** module (4.0-5.0)
- **Major** module (6.0 7.0) plus **Minor(s)** modules(s) or **option(s)**.
- Major module (6.0 -7.0) plus options

The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) - (15.0 Courses)

10.0 courses after first year including at least a Major module or a Double Minor, as follows:

- **Major** module (6.0 7.0) plus **option(s)**
- **Major** module (6.0 7.0) plus a **Minor** module (4.0-5.0)
- Minor module (4.0 5.0) plus a Minor module (4.0 5.0) plus option(s) (2.0 0)

This combination requires two Minor modules.

Notes on the Modules:

Module Combinations and Overlap

Modules in the same discipline normally may not be combined: e.g., an Honours Specialization module in Sociology may not be combined with a Major module or a Minor module in Sociology. However, if a department offers modules with different titles, e.g., Sociology and Criminology, the possibility for combination is at the discretion of the department and faculty concerned.

Modules require specific courses, some of which may be common to other modules. Students who wish to combine modules containing the same courses must consult the department(s) and faculty concerned to see if such overlap is permitted.

NOTE: Some degrees limit the number of courses which may be taken in one subject.

Cross Disciplinary

A Cross-Disciplinary Major module consists of 6.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) approved by the student's Dean's Office. Only available in the Bachelor of Arts Degree (Three-Year). Not offered in the Bachelor of Science Degree.

Undeclared Status

Second-year students who are taking prerequisite course(s) for a specific module may be registered temporarily in an Undeclared Status within a Bachelor Degree (Four Year) only. This status is available only in the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Science, Social Science and the Affiliated University Colleges. Students progressing into third year must meet the requirements to enter a module. Transfer and Readmitted students who are admitted to an Undeclared Status must consult their Faculty regarding eligibility for specific modules. It is not possible to graduate with an Undeclared Three-Year or Four Year Bachelor Degree.

The Honours Bachelor Degree

The Honours Bachelor Degree must include at least an Honours Specialization module or double Major modules. Registration in an Honours degree usually begins in the second year, but admission may be gained in the third or fourth year provided the student has fulfilled the Year 1 principal course requirements and has achieved a minimum cumulative modular average of 70% with no mark less than 60% in the courses of the module and a passing grade in each option. Enrolment in some modules is limited and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee that students will be offered enrolment. Students intending to proceed to a four-year Honours degree should consider the degree requirements when selecting courses in first, second and third years. Four-year Honours degree programs are composed of not fewer than 20.0 successfully completed courses required for the degree. Students admitted with advanced standing to an Honours program are required to complete a minimum of 10.0 courses offered by Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Honours Specialization Module

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including at least 3.0 principal courses specified by the department. These principal courses must be completed with a minimum average of 70% and a minimum mark of 60% in each. The remaining first-

year courses must be completed successfully. Enrolment in some modules may be limited. Modules may have higher admission requirements.

Progression Requirements

For progression in an Honours Specialization module, a student must earn a minimum cumulative modular average of 70%, a minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module and a passing grade in each option.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules. Refer to individual department listings.

In exceptional circumstances, a student who earns a minimum cumulative modular average of 68%, with a minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module and a passing grade in each option, may be permitted to progress by special permission of the Dean on the recommendation of the department concerned.

Students who fail to meet the progression requirements in an Honours Specialization may be eligible to continue in the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) in either a Specialization module or a Major module.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Honours Bachelor Degree. For complete graduation requirements refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

Double Major Modules

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements with at least 3.0 principal courses, including the courses specified for each of two Major modules. If fewer than 3.0 courses are specified, the best additional first-year course(s) will be included in the total of 3.0. In some combinations, more than 3.0 specific courses will be required as principal courses. The principal courses must be completed with a minimum average of 70% and a minimum mark of 60% in each. The remaining first-year courses must be completed successfully. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Progression Requirements

For progression in an Honours Double Major, a student must earn a minimum cumulative modular average of 70%, a minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module and a passing grade in each option. The modular average for each Major will be calculated separately.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules. Refer to individual department listings.

Students who fail to meet the progression requirements of an Honours Double Major may be eligible to continue in the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) in either a

Specialization module or Major module(s).

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Honours Bachelor Degree. For complete graduation requirements refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year)

The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) must include at least a Specialization module or at least one Major module. Registration in the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) usually begins in the second year, but admission may be gained in the third or fourth year. Students intending to proceed to a Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) should consider the degree requirements when selecting courses in first, second and third years. Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) programs are composed of not fewer than 20.0 successfully completed courses required for the degree. Students admitted with advanced standing to a Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) are required to complete a minimum of 10.0 courses offered by Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Specialization Module

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including the principal course(s), specified by the department with a minimum mark of 60% in each of these course(s). Higher standards may apply to some modules. Refer to departmental listings. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Progression Requirements

For progression in a Specialization module, a student must meet the minimum Progression Requirements to continue at the University. See "Progression Requirements" section.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules. Refer to individual department listings.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year). For complete degree requirements, refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

Major Module

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including the principal course(s), specified by the department(s) with a minimum mark of 60% in each. Higher standards may apply to some modules. Refer to departmental listings. Enrolment in some modules

may be limited.

Progression Requirements

For progression in a Major module, a student must meet the minimum Progression Requirements to continue at the University. See "Progression Requirements" section.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year). For complete graduation requirements, refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year)

The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) must include at least one Major module or at least two Minor modules. Registration in the Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) usually begins in the second year, but admission may be gained in the third year. Students intending to proceed to a Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) should consider the degree requirements when selecting courses in first and second years. Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) programs are composed of not fewer than 15.0 successfully completed courses required for the degree. Students admitted with advanced standing to a Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) are required to complete a minimum of 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) offered by Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Major Module

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including the principal course(s), specified by the department with a minimum mark of 60% in each. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Progression Requirements

For progression in a Major module, a student must meet the minimum Progression Requirements to continue at the University. See "Progression Requirements" section.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules. Refer to individual department listings.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Three-Year). For complete graduation requirements, refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

Double Minor Modules

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including the principal course(s), of each of **two** Minor modules with a minimum mark of 60% in each principal course. Enrolment in some modules may be limited.

Progression Requirements

For progression in double Minor modules, a student must meet the minimum Progression Requirements to continue at the University. See "Progression Requirements" section.

Higher progression standards may be required in some modules. Refer to individual department listings.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Three-Year). For complete degree requirements refer to the "Graduation Regulations" section.

Admission, Progression and Graduation Chart

MODULE	ADMISSION	PROGRESSION	GRADUATION
	REQUIREMENTS	REQUIREMENTS	REQUIREMENTS
Honours Specialization	REQUIREMENTS First-Year requirements • Successful completion of all first- year requirements • 70% average on the principal courses for entry to the module • Minimum mark of 60% in each principal course for entry to the module NOTE: Enrolment in some modules may be limited. NOTE: Students who wish to enter this module in a senior year must meet the above requirements and the progression requirements for the module.	 REQUIREMENTS Minimum cumulative modular average of 70% Minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module Passing grade in each option NOTE: Higher progression standards may be required in limited enrolment modules. 	REQUIREMENTS On the 20.0 courses counted for graduation: • Minimum cumulative modular average of 70% in the Honours Specialization module • Minimum mark of 60% in each course of this module • Passing grade in each option • Minimum overall average of 65% on the 20.0 courses • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in any additional Major or Minor module completed • For complete graduation requirements refer to 'Graduation Requirements for the Honours
			Bachelor Degree'
Double Major	First-Year requirements • Successful completion of all first- year requirements • 70% average on the principal courses for entry to each module • Minimum mark of 60% in each principal	 Minimum cumulative average of 70% in each module Minimum mark of 60% in each course of each module Passing grade in each option NOTE: Higher 	On the 20.0 courses counted for graduation: • At least 1.0 course numbered 3000 – 4999 completed satisfactorily in each Major module • Minimum cumulative modular

The Honours Bachelor Degree

MODULE	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
	course for entry to	progression	average of 70% in
	each module	standards may be required in limited	each Major module Minimum mark of
	NOTE: Enrolment in some modules may	enrolment modules.	60% in each course of each module
	be limited.	NOTE: No exceptions will be permitted.	 Passing grade in each option
	NOTE: Students who wish to enter this	·	• Minimum overall average of 65% on
	module in a senior		the 20.0 courses
	year must meet the above requirements		 For complete graduation
	and the progression requirements for the		requirements refer to "Graduation
	module.		Requirements for the Honours
			Bachelor Degree"
			NOTE: No exceptions will be permitted.

The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year)

MODULE		PROGRESSION	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
MODULE Specialization	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS First-Year requirements • Successful completion of all first- year requirements • Minimum mark of 60% in each principal course for entry to the module NOTE: Enrolment in some modules may	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS• Satisfy the Progression Requirements for the University (Level 1 and Level 2)NOTE: Higher progression standards may be required in limited enrolment modules.	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS On the 20.0 courses counted for graduation: • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in the Specialization module. • Minimum overall average of 60% in the 20.0 courses • Minimum
	be limited. NOTE: Students who wish to enter this module in a senior		cumulative modular average of 60% in any additional Major or Minor module completed
	year must meet the above requirements		 For complete graduation

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MODULE	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
	and the progression requirements for the module.		requirements refer to "Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Four- Year)"
Major	 First-Year Requirements Successful completion of all first- year requirements Minimum mark of 60% in each principal course for entry to the module NOTE: Enrolment in some modules may be limited. NOTE: Students who wish to enter this module in a senior year must meet the above requirements and the progression requirements for the module. 	 Satisfy the Progression Requirements for the University (Level 1 and Level 2) NOTE: Higher progression standards may be required in limited enrolment modules. 	On the 20.0 courses counted for graduation: • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in the Major module • Minimum overall average of 60% in the 20.0 courses • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in any additional Major or Minor module completed • For complete graduation requirements refer to "Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor Degree (Four- Year)"

MODULE	ADMISSION	PROGRESSION	GRADUATION
Major	REQUIREMENTSFirst-Year requirements• Successful completion of all first- year requirements• Minimum mark of 60% in each principal course for entry to the moduleNOTE: Enrolment in some modules may be limited.NOTE: Students who wish to enter this module in a senior year must meet the above requirements and the progression requirements for the module.	 REQUIREMENTS Satisfy the Progression Requirements for the University (Level 1 and Level 2) NOTE: Higher progression standards may be required in limited enrolment modules. 	REQUIREMENTS On the 15.0 courses counted for graduation: • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in the Major module • Minimum overall average of 60% in the 15.0 courses • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in any additional Major or Minor module completed • For complete graduation requirements refer to "Graduation Requirements for Bachelor Degree
Double Minor	First-Year requirements• Successful completion of all first- year requirements• 60% average on the principal courses for entry to each module• Minimum mark of 60% in each principal course for entry to each module• Morte: Enrolment in some modules may be limited.NOTE: Students who wish to enter this	 Satisfy the Progression Requirements for the University (Level 1 and Level 2) NOTE: Higher progression standards may be required in limited enrolment modules. 	(Three- Year)" On the 15.0 courses counted for graduation: • Minimum cumulative modular average of 60% in each Minor module • Minimum overall average of 60% in the 15.0 courses • For complete graduation requirements refer to "Graduation Requirements for Bachelor Degree (Three- Year)"

The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year)

module in a senior year must meet the above requirements and the progression	
requirements for the	
module.	

Additional Modules

Major and/or Minor modules may be taken in addition to the essential modules for the degree in accordance with the degree structure outlined previously. Combinations other than those listed in the "Degree Structure" section have not been approved; consequently, they may not be taken. Students graduating with an additional Major and/or Minor module within their degree must successfully complete the additional module(s) with a minimum average of 60%.

Post-Degree Modules (without completing a Second Degree)

After graduation with an undergraduate degree, students may complete additional Major and/or Minor modules(s) without completing a second degree. Students must consult the Dean's Office of the Faculty in which the module is offered to request permission to register in a Post-Degree module. Permission may be denied if there is significant overlap with courses completed within the first degree. A Post-Degree module must be in a different subject area, not included in the undergraduate degree.

Students must complete the total number of courses required for this additional module with an average on these courses of at least 60%. Courses successfully completed during the first degree that are considered "extra" courses by the Faculty offering the first degree may be considered for use towards the Post-Degree module, at the discretion of the Faculty offering the Post-Degree module. All courses required for the Post-Degree module must be completed through the course offerings of Western University. Completion of Post-Degree modules will be recognized only by a notation on the student's transcript.

Second Degree (Excluding Professional Degrees)

After graduation with an undergraduate degree from Western University or another accredited university, students may wish to pursue a second undergraduate degree. In all cases, such students must seek permission from the Dean (or designate) of the Faculty in which the second degree is to be pursued.

Graduates of Western University:

• Students must apply to the appropriate Faculty for permission to pursue a second degree. The modular requirements of the second degree must be different, by at least 5.0 senior courses, from those of the first degree.

- The Faculty offering the second degree will consult the department(s) concerned and will consider admission requirements in determining whether the request will be granted.
- It is at that Faculty's discretion to determine if students must successfully complete all courses for the second degree through the course offerings of Western University.
- Western courses determined as "extra" to the first degree may be used towards the second degree only with permission of the Faculty concerned.
- The Faculty will consider the requirements for breadth, essay courses and residency in specifying the courses required to complete the second degree.
- At least 5.0 senior courses are required to fulfill modular and degree requirements. The courses specified by the Faculty will be used in calculating the graduating average.
- Students pursuing an Honours degree must achieve a minimum average of 70% on the modular courses specified for the second degree with no mark less than 60% in each modular course. A minimum average of 60% with no failures must be achieved on all optional courses. Higher requirements may apply to limited enrollment programs.
- Students pursuing a Four-Year Bachelor (non-Honours) degree must achieve a minimum average of 60% on the modular courses specified for the second degree, and a passing grade in each modular and optional course. Higher requirements may apply to limited enrollment programs.
- Students must satisfy the breadth and essay degree requirements if not already satisfied within the first degree:
 - Breadth: 1.0 senior course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be completed.
 - Essay: at least 1.0 senior designated essay course must be completed.

Graduates of other accredited universities:

- Students must apply to the Faculty offering the second degree for admission as Special Students.
- The Faculty offering the second degree will consult the department(s) concerned and will consider admission requirements in determining whether the request will be granted.
- It is at that Faculty's discretion to determine if students must successfully complete all courses for the second degree through the course offerings of Western University.
- The Faculty will consider the requirements for breadth and residency in specifying the courses required to complete the second degree.
- At least 10.0 senior courses are required to fulfill modular and degree. requirements. The courses specified by the Faculty will be used in calculating the graduating average.
- Students pursuing an Honours degree must achieve a minimum average of 70% on the modular courses specified for the second degree with no mark less than 60% in each modular course. A minimum average of 60%, with no

failures must be achieved on all optional courses. Higher requirements may apply to limited enrollment programs.

- Students pursuing a Four-Year Bachelor (non-Honours) degree must achieve a minimum average of 60% on the modular courses specified for the second degree, and a passing grade in each modular and optional course. Higher requirements may apply to limited enrollment programs.
- Students must satisfy the breadth and essay degree requirements for graduation:
 - Breadth: 1.0 senior course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be completed if not already satisfied within the first degree.
 - Essay: at least 1.0 senior designated essay course must be completed through The University of Western Ontario.

Notes:

Students applying to upgrade their previous degree conferred under the "old" University of Western Ontario regulations should consult their Faculty regarding permissible upgrades.

Students whose previous degree is a professional degree (BA Honours Business Administration, BESc, BFA, BMus, BMusA, BA(HEc), BSc(HEc), BSW(Hons), DDS, LLB, MD, MDiv, MTS) should consult the "Sequential Degree" section for information.

Second Degree (When One Degree is a Professional Degree)

Professional Degrees:

BA Honours Business Administration, BESc, BFA, BMus, BMusA, BA(HEc), BSc(HEc), BSW (Hons), DDS, LLB, MD, MDiv, MTS

1. Sequential Degree

• Students who have completed a professional degree and are seeking a Three or Four-Year or Honours Bachelor Degree

Students who have been awarded a professional degree by this or another accredited university may be granted advanced standing for a maximum of 10.0 courses toward fulfillment of graduation requirements for a Three or Four-Year Bachelor Degree or a four-year Honours Bachelor Degree. Students must consult the Faculty offering the second degree. It is at that Faculty's discretion to determine if students must successfully complete all courses for the second degree through the course offerings of Western University.

• Students who have completed a Three or Four-Year or Honours Bachelor Degree and are seeking a professional degree Students who have received a Three or Four-Year or Honours Bachelor Degree from this or another accredited university may be granted advanced standing toward a professional degree. Students must consult the Faculty offering the professional degree. It is at that Faculty's discretion to determine if students must successfully complete all courses for the second degree through the course offerings of Western University.

 Students who have already completed a professional degree and are seeking a second professional degree
 Students who have already received a professional degree from this or another accredited university may be granted advanced standing towards the fulfillment of graduation requirements of a second professional degree.
 Students must consult the Faculty offering the professional degree. It is at that Faculty's discretion to determine if students must successfully complete all courses for the second degree through the course offerings of Western University.

2. Concurrent Degrees - One Professional and One Bachelor Degree Taken at the Same Time

Students who are currently registered in a professional degree may apply for permission to register concurrently in a Bachelor degree. Tuition fees applicable to the professional degree will be assessed and primary registration will reflect the Faculty offering the professional degree.

Students must consult the Dean's office of both Faculties for permission to register in, progress in and graduate with a second undergraduate degree with an Honours Specialization, Specialization or Major module.

A complete statement by the Dean of the Faculty offering the Three or Four-Year or Honours Bachelor Degree must be forwarded to the student, with a copy to the Office of the Registrar specifying:

- a) The courses that may be credited towards both degrees to a maximum of 10.0, with no more than 5.0 courses from faculties other than Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences (excluding Nursing), Information and Media Studies, Science and Social Science.
- b) The number and kind of courses required to complete graduation requirements for the second degree including all senior courses for the Honours Specialization, Specialization or Major.
- c) These Concurrent Degree regulations do not apply to Senateapproved Combined or Joint degrees.

The Faculty of Engineering is permitted to offer Concurrent Degree Programs where graduating students receive two Bachelor of Engineering Science (BESc)

degrees:

- one BESc degree for professional accreditation purposes in either Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Mechatronic Systems Engineering, and one BESc in Biomedical Engineering
- one BESc degree for professional accreditation purposes in either Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Mechatronic Systems Engineering, and one BESc in Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering

NOTE: In the case of professional degrees for which normal admission requires one or two years of study in a Bachelor degree, the courses taken as part of such a degree must be included among the 10.0 courses Double credited towards both degrees.

Students are encouraged to obtain academic counselling from the Dean of each Faculty during the course of their concurrent degree. Students who fail to meet the progression requirements of either degree will be required to withdraw from the concurrent degree.

3. Combined / Joint Degrees

• Students who wish to complete Combined or Joint Degrees Combined or Joint Degrees are Senate-approved degrees created by two Faculties where one or both degrees are professional degrees. Normally, these academic options are listed within departmental or Faculty degree availability sections. Some examples are as follows:

Bachelor of Engineering Science and Bachelor of Laws (BESc/JD) Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (MD/PhD)

REGISTRATION IN UNIVERSITY COURSES

Permission to register in any university course will be granted only upon prior fulfilment of the requirements for university admission.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COURSE SELECTION

A student in a degree program must select courses in accordance with the published requirements. Many courses have prerequisites or require the approval of the department. These requirements, and any enrolment limitations, should be noted carefully prior to registration. Substitutions for prescribed courses require the written

approval of the department and the Dean. Students registering in the Fall/Winter Session and intending to take second-term half-courses must register for those courses during the course registration period.

Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all course prerequisites have been completed successfully, and that they are aware of any antirequisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the requisites for a course, and does not have written special permission from their Dean to enroll in the course, the University reserves the right to cancel the student's registration in the course. This decision may not be appealed. The normal financial and academic penalties will apply to a student who is dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites. The final date for registration is the last day of the second week of first-term classes. Although every effort will be made to accommodate late registrants, students are warned that courses may be filled by that date.

Students registered at Western or at an Affiliated University College (Huron, King's) should note that if a course appropriate to their program is offered in an academic unit other than their own, they may register in it providing that their academic unit does not offer the course. However, students must have the written permission of the Dean of their Faculty prior to registering in a course that is offered both at Western and an Affiliated University College.

REGISTRATION/COURSE SELECTION

Full-time and part-time studies are available at Western and its Affiliated University Colleges. Students may also take advantage of diverse course offerings during the Spring/Summer Sessions (Summer Evening, Intersession, Summer Day, Distance Studies), and the Fall/Winter Sessions by Distance Studies.

Each undergraduate student will be classified as regular or special, full-time or parttime. A student's registration status is determined as follows:

Regular Student

A student who registers in the course requirements for a program and is proceeding toward a degree in that program.

Special Student

(i) A student who has received a degree from this (or another) university and who registers to take further courses but who is not a candidate for a degree.
(ii) Students who have an undergraduate degree from Western University and who intend to complete the requirements for a second degree must apply to the department. Approval is at the discretion of the appropriate department and Dean's office (see Second Degree policy). Department(s) will take into account courses from the first degree and prescribe the courses to be completed to fulfill all of the Honours requirements. No fewer than 5.0 prescribed Honours courses may be

required and some programs may require more than 5.0 courses. These prescribed courses must be taken at Western University. Graduation requirements will differ according to the program. Students should check with the appropriate Dean's Office to ensure specific graduation requirements are being met. In instances where a student wishes to pursue a second degree in the same discipline (upgrade), the Dean of the Faculty granting the degree may rescind the first degree.

Full-Time Student

A student who registers in any session for 3.5 credits or more. (Also see the Course Load and Student Financial Services sections of the academic calendar.)

Part-Time Student

A student who registers for 3.0 or fewer credits in any session.

To register for courses, a student must:

- 1. Be admitted to Western or be a continuing student in good standing. Students who have registered at Western, have subsequently transferred to another educational institution, and who wish to resume studies at Western, **are not considered continuing students.** Such students are considered transfer students and will be required to submit an application for admission by the applicable deadline.
- 2. Select courses and ensure such courses are recorded by the Registrar's Office by the appropriate deadline.
- 3. Pay or make arrangements to pay fees.

Failure to register during the designated time will result in a late registration fee.

First-Year and Transfer Students will be mailed registration information during the summer.

Continuing Undergraduate Students will complete an "Intent to Register" form in February. "Intent to Register" forms will be available on-line to students continuing in the same degree/program. The on-line form and further instructions will be available at <u>http://www.registrar.uwo.ca</u>

Students transferring between Western and its Affiliated University Colleges must indicate their intent on the February "Intent to Register" form.

Students in the **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies** register for each of three terms.

Special Students wishing to register in 4000-level courses must obtain departmental permission for each course.

INTRAMURAL TRANSFERS TO BA, BSc AND BHSc PROGRAMS

Students registered at Western in an undergraduate degree program leading to a degree other than the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Health Sciences who wish to transfer into a Three or Four-Year BA, BSc or BHSc program, must submit a request for transfer to the dean of the faculty in which registration is sought. Advanced standing for courses toward a BA, BSc or BHSc degree will be granted in keeping with the program requirements of these degrees at the discretion of the Dean.

Approval of the transfer request must include an Intent to Register form completed by the dean of the faculty concerned indicating the courses for which advanced standing is granted, the number and level of courses required to complete graduation requirements and progression requirements.

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Progression Requirements are designed to assist a student in improving their grades over time so that they may attain the required average for graduation or for entrance to and continuation in Honours or other specialized programs. Progression requirements establish the minimum requirements for a student to continue at the University but the expectation is that a student will aspire to excellence and seek to achieve results well above the minimum requirements for their program.

The **Adjudication Process** involves the assessment of a student's eligibility to progress at the University and/or enter or remain in a program. As part of the adjudication process, progression requirements will be checked twice a year during two adjudication periods: the May adjudication period based on marks obtained during the Fall/Winter term (for the September - December and January - April sessions) and the July-August adjudication period based on marks obtained during the Summer term (Intersession, Summer Evening and Summer Day sessions). Student records for those registered for the term are evaluated/adjudicated to ascertain if a student meets the progression requirements: (a) to remain in good standing at the University, (b) of their current program, and/or (c) for entrance to another proposed program in which they have indicated an *Intent to Register*.

Average Calculation for progression requirements includes both a term (sessional) and a cumulative average for all applicable courses. Average calculations INCLUDE failed grades. All grades below 50% are considered failures. Grades below 40% will be included in average calculations as 40%, grades from 40% to 49% will be included as the actual grade reported.

A Course Attempt is a course registration that is not dropped by the Last day to

drop deadline date in the Undergraduate Sessional Dates in the Academic Calendar (the latest, including all revisions, will be found on the Office of the Registrar's Web site). The *Last day to drop* will vary according to type of course: full course, first-term half course, full-year half course, and second-term half course. A course that is dropped by the last date for adding a course will be removed from a student's record. A course that is dropped after the last date for adding a course but before the final day for dropping a course will be recorded as WDN (withdrawn) and is not considered a course attempt. A course that is dropped after the final day for *Average Calculation* purposes.

A **Course Repeat** is any course previously attempted and recorded at Western University A course attempt having a passing grade may be repeated only once. A course attempt having a failing grade may be repeated only twice. Further course repeats may be authorized only by the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered. Grades (including failures) for all course attempts will appear on the transcript and will be included in the accumulation of course attempts and maximum failures allowed. All but the most recent course attempt will appear on the transcript as *Repeated, No Credit* and will be excluded from cumulative average calculations used for progression requirements.

Progression decisions will result in an Academic Standing Status of:

In Good Standing - a student who satisfies the minimum progression requirements for continuation of study will be eligible to continue at Western University.

On Probation - a student who does not satisfy the minimum progression requirements for continuation of study at Western University but who will be allowed to continue at the University under *Conditions of Probation*:

A student must seek the advice of the Academic Counsellor(s) in their Home Faculty.

A student will be permitted to take a maximum number of 2.0 courses during the Summer sessions and a maximum of 4.0 during the Fall/Winter session, and may be required to take fewer courses by their Dean as part of the academic probation.

Academic probation will begin immediately upon official notification from the Office of the Registrar, and will not end prior to the first adjudication period at which a minimum of 3.0 course credits have been attempted.

Notification is defined as one or more of:

- 1) A letter mailed to the student's home address;
- 2) An email sent to the student's official Western email account;
- 3) A notice posted to the Student Centre where student grades are posted.

A student on academic probation must achieve an average of at least 60% with no failures, on all courses taken during the probation period.

If the conditions of probation have been met as of the first adjudication period at which a minimum of 3.0 courses have been attempted and the cumulative average remains below 60%, the probation period will be extended automatically until the first adjudication period at which a minimum of 3.0 additional courses have been attempted.

A student who fails a course during a period of probation or probation extension will be required to withdraw at the next adjudication period regardless of the number of courses attempted since their last adjudication.

A student will be allowed only one period of probation in the time taken to complete a degree and only one probation extension. A student will be required to withdraw if either the cumulative average or probation conditions are not met during this extended probation period.

A student who fails to meet the Conditions of Probation will be required to withdraw from the University for a minimum of twelve months.

Required to Withdraw - A student who does not satisfy the minimum *Progression Requirements* for continuation of study at Western University and is not eligible for probation, or who has exceeded the maximum number of failed courses allowed, 6.0 courses, will be *Required to Withdraw* from the University for a minimum of twelve months. A student who has been *Required to Withdraw* from the University and whose academic standing has been jeopardized by serious medical or personal difficulties, if they have sought academic accommodation in a timely manner, may apply for a Dean's Waiver of Progression Requirements. A student granted a Dean's Waiver of Progression Requirements must meet the specific conditions imposed in the Dean's Waiver. For a student who has been required to withdraw, readmission will be at the discretion of the appropriate Admissions Office. See READMISSION FOLLOWING UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE section.

Should an appeal be made to Senate on the ruling of a Dean, such an appeal shall be considered on behalf of Senate by the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA). See STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEALS section.

A student's failure to read a notification is not grounds to appeal academic probation or Required to Withdraw.

Two levels of progression requirements are used to assess a student's *Academic Standing Status*:

Level 1 progression requirement:

A minimum cumulative average of 55% must be obtained at the first adjudication period at which the student has completed a minimum of 3.0 course attempts. If a student has completed more than 3.0 courses at the time of adjudication, marks from all courses taken will be used to calculate the cumulative average. This minimum cumulative average must be maintained for each successive adjudication period until the student reaches Level 2*.

Students who satisfy this requirement will be eligible to continue study In Good Standing. Students with a cumulative average from 50-54% will continue On Probation. Students with a cumulative average less than 50% will be Required to Withdraw.

Level 2 progression requirement:

A minimum cumulative average of 60% must be obtained at the first adjudication period at which the student has completed a minimum of 8.0 course attempts completed through Western University or through one of its Affiliated University Colleges. If a student has completed more than 8.0 courses at the time of adjudication, marks from all courses taken will be used to calculate the cumulative average. This minimum cumulative average must be maintained for each successive adjudication period until the student graduates^{*}.

Students who satisfy this requirement will be eligible to continue study In Good Standing. Students with a cumulative average from 55-59% will continue On Probation. Students with a cumulative average less than 55% will be Required to Withdraw.

Academic Standing	Progression	Required Cumulative
Status	Requirement	Averages*
In Good Standing	Level 1	> or = 55%
On Probation	Level 1	50 - 54%
Required to Withdraw	Level 1	< 50%
In Good Standing	Level 2	> or = 60%
On Probation	Level 2	55 - 59%
Required to Withdraw	Level 2	< 55%

Maximum number of failures allowed is 6.0 courses.

* **NOTE**: averages required for graduation may differ. Averages required on an overall program and Area of Concentration will not be less than 60%, and will be higher for some three-year and four-year programs and all Honours programs.

Students registered in a Fall/Winter Session, who have applied to register for courses in subsequent Intersession or Summer Evening Session but whose ineligibility for further registration has not yet been determined by the first day of

classes, will be permitted to complete any such course(s). Although credit will be retained for courses completed successfully, such credit will not alter ineligibility for further registration. Any such student, required to withdraw for failure to achieve the minimum progression requirements, will not become eligible for further registration before the Summer Day Session in the subsequent year.

Progression Following Readmission

Progression following readmission will be according to Level 1 or Level 2 progression requirements or according to discretionary requirements established by the appropriate Admissions Office.

Students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic standing in any year subsequent to readmission usually will not be readmissible to the University for a second time.

Progression Following Admission with Transfer Credit (Advanced Standing)

To qualify for a bachelor degree, a transfer student must obtain credit in a minimum of 5.0 senior courses in a 15.0 course degree program, or 10.0 courses in a fouryear or an Honours program. These courses must be taken through Western or an Affiliated University College. Students admitted with transfer credit (advanced standing) to a specific program of study must meet the progression and graduation requirements for that program. Progression following admission with transfer credit (advanced standing) will be normally according to Level 1 or Level 2 progression requirements, or according to discretionary requirements established by the appropriate Admissions Office.

Progression Requirements for Special Students

A Special Student is one who has been awarded a first degree equivalent to at least a three-year degree at Western.

Applicants admitted under regulations governing Special Students will be subject to Level 2 progression requirements (i.e., a minimum cumulative average of 60%) at the first adjudication period at which the student has completed a minimum of 3.0 course attempts. Special Students will then be subject to Level 2 progression requirements for all subsequent adjudication periods. Students who fail to meet this standard will be Required to Withdraw. Readmission shall be at the discretion of the appropriate Admissions Office.

Course Residency Requirements

1. Students fulfilling all the requirements for graduation in any bachelor degree program at Western must complete at least 10.0 courses (including 5.0 senior courses) at Western or one of its Affiliated University Colleges; or

Transfer students admitted with transfer credit must complete a minimum of 5.0 senior courses in the 15.0-course degree programs or 10.0 courses in the four-year and Honours programs.

2. Not more than 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of

Permission to fulfill graduation requirements for any baccalaureate program at Western.

ELECTIVE COURSE CREDIT FOR ALL MUSIC COURSES

At its meeting of May 20, 2005, Senate approved that all Music half (0.5) and full (1.0) credit courses will be accepted as elective options in all undergraduate degree programs that participate in New Academic Choices, subject to graduation requirements.

GUARANTEED ADMISSION OF MUSIC EDUCATION GRADUATES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Effective September 1, 2010, a student who graduates with a Bachelor of Music with Honours in Music Education degree and meets the criteria outlined below is assured acceptance into the Bachelor of Education program of the Faculty of Education at The University of Western Ontario.

For admission to the Faculty of Education, students must complete the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Music in Music Education AND must meet all other requirements for the specific program to which they are applying. Requirements for the Primary/Junior, Primary/Junior French as a Second Language, Junior/Intermediate, and Intermediate/Senior programs can be found on the Faculty of Education Web site.

Guaranteed Admission to the Faculty of Education

Guaranteed admission to the Faculty of Education is offered for students in Vocal Music at the Junior/Intermediate (JI) level and for students in Vocal or Instrumental Music at the Intermediate/Senior (IS) level. (Students seeking admission to the Faculty of Education for the Primary/Junior level should follow the standard application process.) Guaranteed admission to the Faculty of Education requires a minimum cumulative weighted average of 75% in Music courses, a 70% average in courses applicable to the second teachable subject for those applying to the I/S program, and no mark below 60% in any course. Meeting these graduation requirements guarantees acceptance by the Faculty of Education at Western University, with Music as a teachable subject in either the JI or IS program. Students who fall short of these requirements may still meet the requirements for the Bachelor of Music with Honours in Music Education and may apply to the Faculty of Education on that basis, although admission is not guaranteed.

BRESCIA STUDENTS INTEGRATING WITH WESTERN UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS

For students registered at Brescia University College through April 30, 2024, Interdisciplinary Studies 1200A/B is a required course that counts among the 5.0 1000-level courses that constitute completion of first year. This requirement can be waived by the Dean of the Faculty of Registration if it has not already been met by 2023/24 fall/winter term.

HONOURS PROGRAM IN FRENCH - BESANÇON

Students who successfully complete a university sponsored year abroad study program at The University of Besancon are granted credit for these studies toward a Western University Honours degree in French only. If for reasons beyond their control, students are unable to complete the Honours program at Western University, they may petition the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities for this regulation to be waived.

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