



# Navigating the UD Curriculum

Dare to Investigate

# Getting the Big Picture

During your undergraduate time at UD, you will be required to complete a **between 120 - 128 credits depending on major** distributed among four categories:

- University Requirements
- College Requirements
- Major Requirements
- Electives to reach your total number of credits.

# What are the University Requirements?

In addition to “major” courses all students are required to complete the following **University Requirements:**

- (3) credits: **ENGL 110**
  - Usually completed during the first year; minimum grade of a C- is required.
- (0 – 4) credits: **First Year Experience (Seminar)**
  - Must be completed during the first semester.
- (3) credits: **Discovery Learning**
  - Usually completed after the first year.
- (3) credits: **Multicultural Course**
  - Can be completed at any time.
- (12) credits: **University Breadth Requirements**
  - Can be completed at any time; minimum grade of C- is required.



# What are the University Breadth Requirements?

3 credits in each of the following categories with a C- or better:



- [Creative Arts and Humanities](#)
- [History and Cultural Change](#)
- [Social and Behavioral Sciences](#)
- [Mathematics, Natural Sciences & Technology](#)

# Colleges at the University of Delaware

There are seven colleges at UD:

- [Agriculture and Natural Resources](#)
- [Arts and Sciences](#)
  - [School of Public Policy & Administration](#)
- [Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics](#)
- [College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment](#)
- [College of Education and Human Development](#)
- [College of Engineering](#)
- [College of Health Sciences](#)

# What about College Requirements?

- Depending on what college your major or potential major is in, you will need to complete one or more courses in the following:

Mathematics

Foreign Language

Humanities



Social Sciences

Natural or Physical Sciences

Communication Skills

# How many courses will be required for my major?

That depends on the major you choose.

- Some majors require many specific courses  
Ex. Marketing 75 cr.



- Some majors require relatively few specific courses  
Ex. History 30 cr.

# What are electives and how many do I need?



- **Electives** are credits from courses that do not satisfy a specific requirement in the category of university, college, or major.
  - Most majors, but not all, will require some electives to reach the required 120-128 undergraduate credits.
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- The number of electives you will need depends on a variety of factors including:
    - your major,
    - what courses you have taken to fulfill requirements,
    - and whether those courses counted toward more than one requirement.

# What other options do I have?

- **Double Major**- two majors within the same degree  
(ex. B.A. International Relations & B.A. Economics).
- **Interdepartmental Major**- one major comprised of courses from more than one department (ex. Communication & English).
- **Dual Degree**- two majors with separate degrees  
(ex. B.S. Resource Economics & B.EE. Environmental Engineering).
- **Majors with a Minor(s)**- minors usually require between 15-18 credits (ex. B.S. Environmental Science with a minor in Journalism).

# Unique Programs of Study

- **Associate's in Arts Program-** associate degree program option that allows Delaware students to complete 60 credits on a satellite campus during their first two years and then transition to main campus to finish a bachelor's degree.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies-** a self-created major in the College of Arts & Sciences with faculty sponsors. Requires a written proposal.
- **Dean's Scholars Program-** broad interdisciplinary exploration(s) of an issue or more intense, in-depth studies in a single field at a level akin to graduate work.

# Honors Program

- The University of Delaware [Honors Program \(UDHP\)](#) is a four-year program, open to students in all majors that offers enhanced educational opportunities for exceptional students.
- Benefits include: living with other student scholars, smaller class sizes, faculty and staff mentoring and additional academic planning support.
- Honors forms of recognition include a General Honors Award, Honors Degree, and Honors Degree with Distinction.



# University Studies Program

## What if I don't know my major yet?



- The mission of the [University Studies Program](#) is to enhance and support the educational experiences of matriculated students who have a wide variety of interests and have either not yet declared a major or are in transition from one major to another.
- The UST program can provide you with information on how to explore new options, explain the change of major process for the majors that you are considering, and aid you in selecting the correct courses for the majors you are interested in exploring.

# How do I start to explore?



- Utilize the University Studies website to explore majors in the various [interest areas](#).
- Take the Strong Interest Inventory through the [Center for Counseling and Student Development](#).
- Meet with your advisor or [an advisor](#) in the [University Studies Program](#) to talk about your options.
- Use the [UD Catalog](#) to compare majors and their requirements.
- Choose University requirements that allow you to explore the majors you are considering.
- Join a [RSO](#) that is related to majors or careers that you would like to learn more about.

# Where do I find the requirements?

- A good place to start is the [UD Online Catalog](#).
  - It is the primary source of information on [UD academic policies and requirements](#). (Ex. Attendance)
  - It includes a list of all [UD undergraduate majors and minors](#).
  - It specifies all of the university requirements you must fulfill before you graduate.
  - All majors are arranged by [college](#) and include a list of required courses.
- You can also check individual department websites. Many departments will include printable graduation check sheets.



**“In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.”**

**— Ansel Adams**