

Degree Requirements

I. General Requirements for Degrees

1. Cornerstone & Capstone Courses (3 hours)
 - FYE 100 First-Year Experience
 - SYE 400 Senior-Year Experience
2. The Core Curriculum Courses* (18-21 hours)
 1. Year 1
 - English (6 hours): ENG 111 Composition & Texts I and ENG 112 Composition & Texts II
 - Theology (3 hours): TRS 116 Western Religious Traditions
 2. Year 2
 - Literature (200-level) (3 hours): chosen from ENG 230 World Literature I; ENG 231 World Literature II; ENG 210 British Masters I; ENG 211 British Masters II; ENG 220 Major American Writers; ENG 260 Fiction; ENG 261 Poetry; ENG 262 Drama; ENG 263 Comedy in Literature
 - Communication (3 hours): COM 101 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
 3. Year 3 or 4
 - Ethics (3 hours): One 300-400 level ethics course chosen from PHI 321 Ethical Theories; PHI 323 Bioethics; PHI 325 Environmental Ethics; PHI 327 Business Ethics; PHI 329 Ethics and Technology or another approved Ethics course
 - Global/Cross-Cultural Studies (3 hours): one class that has been designed to meet the GEP global/cross-cultural studies goal or one full semester of study abroad
3. The Liberal Arts Foundation Courses (24-25 hours)
 - Social Science (6 hours): 100 or 200 level courses chosen from two different areas: Criminal Justice (CRJ), Economics (ECO), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSY), Social Work (SWK), or Sociology (SOC)
 - Sciences (7 or 8 hours consisting of one life science and one physical science and including one lab): BIO 111 Life Sciences, SCI 115 Physical Sciences, or discipline-specific science course
 - Mathematics (3 hours): MAT 124 Applied College Algebra or MAT 125 College Algebra
 - Fine Arts (3 hours): one Music, Art, Theater, or Film Appreciation course
 - History (3 hours): chosen from HIS 101 World History I; HIS 102 World History II; HIS 111 U.S. History I, HIS 112 U.S. History II
 - Physical Education (2 hours): PED 265 Personal Health & Wellness
4. University Required Signature Courses (6 hours)
 - Theology (3 hours) - choose any TRS course
 - Theology/Philosophy (3 hours) - choose any TRS or PHI course
5. Major Courses:
 - No later than the end of the sophomore year, each student must select a major program of studies. This may be in one discipline or may combine several, but any major selected must conform to the stipulations set forth in the curricula section of this catalog. Majors at Quincy University require a minimum of 33 credit hours of coursework at the 100-400 level in a single course code designation (ACC, BIO, etc.), 21 of which must be completed at Quincy University. Twenty-seven (27) hours must be at the 200-400 level. A maximum of 12 hours from "nontraditional" sources may be applied, with the approval of the Chair or Dean (see p. 19). No more than 42 hours of 200-400 coursework taken from a single discipline (excluding courses taken to satisfy the General Education requirements) may count toward the 124 credit-hour minimum required for the bachelor's degree. Students may be required by their department to take additional credit hours above the 42 hours maximum from a single discipline.
 - Students may complete concurrently two majors by meeting the specific requirements for each major as set forth in the catalog. Each major must have 27 unique hours at the 200-400 level. Both majors will be listed on

the student's transcript. If both majors are within the same degree program (e.g., B.A., B.S.), the student will receive only one degree and diploma. Practicum or internship credit is not allowed in the basic 33-hour major requirement but does apply to the 42-hour maximum.

- During their senior year, candidates for the baccalaureate degree participate in a coordinating, comprehensive experience in their major field. Normally this experience is the senior seminar which provides an in-depth study of a topic within the discipline which promotes research, evaluation, and discussion. In some instances, the comprehensive experience is gained through an applied activity such as a practicum, an internship, or student teaching.
 - Minimum and Maximum for Majors: 33-42 hrs.
6. Electives
- At least 27 elective hours must be taken outside the course code designation(s) of the major.
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7. Interdisciplinary Majors
8. Interdisciplinary majors at Quincy University require a minimum of 36 and a maximum of 48 credit hours of coursework at the 100-400 level of which 21 hours must be completed at Quincy University. Twenty-seven hours must be at the 200-400 level. The interdisciplinary major shall consist of 21-27 hours in the primary field, 15-21 hours in the secondary field, and in some cases, 12-15 hours in a tertiary field. Hours earned in an identified tertiary field may be used as elective hours. Students must earn a minimum of 18 upper-level hours in the primary and secondary fields of the major. The requirements for the interdisciplinary major shall apply to those majors that are part of the regular curriculum and to collaboratively designed interdisciplinary contract majors developed in accordance with the applicable provisions for such majors as stated on page 20 in the University catalog.
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II. Quantitative and Residency Requirements for Degrees

- A. For the baccalaureate degree, a student must:
1. Complete satisfactorily a minimum of 124 semester hours of courses as described under graduation requirements below. This should include a minimum of 39 semester hours of upper-level (300-400) courses unless otherwise stated in this catalog.
 2. Fulfill the requirements of the major or area of concentration as set forth under each academic program, including a minimum of 27 semester hours of courses at the 200-400 level in the major, 21 of which must be taken at QU.
 3. Earn at least 30 semester hours in residency at Quincy University including 21 hours in the major or area of concentration.
 4. Transfer students must earn a minimum of 56 semester hours from a 4-year college or university.
- B. For a second baccalaureate degree when the first degree was earned from Quincy University, a student must present a minimum of 27 hours in the second major (or area of concentration) at the 200-400 level, 21 of which must be taken in residency at Quincy University, fulfill any other requirements stated for the major as published in this catalog, and present a minimum of 144 credit hours for the combined degrees.
- C. For a second baccalaureate degree when the first degree was earned elsewhere, a student must:
1. Earn 30 semester hours in residency at Quincy University, including 3 hours of theology or 6 credit hours of theology taken elsewhere.
 2. Present a minimum of 27 hours in the second major (or area of concentration) at the 200-400 level, 21 of which must be taken in residency. If previous courses satisfy some of the major requirements, the department will designate other courses that will enhance the major.
 3. Fulfill any other requirements stated for the major as published in this catalog.
- D. For an associate degree (A.A. or A.S.), a student must:
1. Complete satisfactorily a minimum of 64 semester hours including all the general education courses listed on p. 9 except for required 300-400 level courses.

2. Complete an approved emphasis area of 15 semester hours.
 3. Earn at least 18 hours in residency at Quincy University including the last 15 semester hours.
 4. Declare in writing the intention to earn an associate degree at least one full semester prior to completion.
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III. Qualitative Requirements for Degree

To earn any degree at Quincy University, a student must: A. Offer a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a "C" average). B. Achieve a 2.0 cumulative average in the major area of concentration and minor emphasis, if applicable. Each school or division has the right to accept or reject courses in the major or area of concentration in which "C-" or lower grades have been earned.

IV. Catalog Covering Graduation Requirements

The catalog governing graduation requirements may be the catalog current at the time the student enters the University or any subsequent catalog during the period enrolled. If students interrupt their education for more than one year, they will follow the catalog current at the time they are readmitted. See "Returning Student Readmission," p. 28.

V. Application for Graduation

Candidates for degrees should file an Application for Graduation with the Office of the Registrar. May and August degree candidates must file no later than midterm of the Fall Semester in the academic year in which they expect to graduate. December degree candidates must file no later than midterm of the prior Spring Semester. A non-refundable application fee will be charged when the application is filed. Failure to file an application on time may result in a later graduation date or late application fee. Students who do not complete their degree requirements by the date for which they originally applied for graduation must complete a new application indicating their new anticipated graduation date (additional reapplication fees may apply).

VI. Participation in Commencement Ceremony

Students with six (6) or fewer credits to complete for their undergraduate baccalaureate degrees may participate in the May commencement ceremony. Students who have completed all requirements except the required practicum(s), professional experience, or student teaching and the associated seminar in the teacher education program may also participate. For graduate

students, please reference to the appropriate section listed in the back of this catalog for specific graduation requirements by program.