

# Degree Requirements

The five baccalaureate degrees granted by Fairmont State University are Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Arts in Education. For each of these five degrees a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required.

## DEGREE LIST

Degree	Min. Sem. Hours Required	Minor
<b>COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE</b>		
English	B.A. 120	21
Business and Technical Writing		18
Folklore Studies		19-22
French		18
Journalism		18
Journalism/Technical Writing		18
Spanish	B.A. 120	24
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)		24
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>		
Criminal Justice	B.S. 120	18
History	B.A./B.S. 120	21
International Studies		21
Museum Studies		18
National Security and Intelligence	B.A. 120	21
Philosophy		15
Political Science	B.A. 120	18
Public Administration		21
Social Studies Education	B.A.E. 129	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE</b>		
Psychology	B.S. 120	18
Sociology	B.S. 120	18
Sociology - Population Studies concentration		120
<b>COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND GEOSCIENCE</b>		
Biology	B.S. 120	24
Biology Education	B.A.E. 120	
Chemistry	B.S. 120	21
Chemistry Education	B.A.E. 120	
Forensics	B.S. 120	
Biotechnology		120
General Science Education	B.A.E. 120	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS</b>		
Computer Science	B.S. 120	18
Computer Security	B.S. 120	
Mathematics	B.S. 120	24
Mathematics Education	B.A.E. 120	
Physics		30
Physics Education	B.A.E. 120	

Degree	Min. Sem. Hours Required	Minor
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Architecture	B.S. 126	
Aviation Technology	B.S. 120	
Aviation Maintenance Management		120
Aviation Administration (No Flight)	120	21
Aviation Administration (Flight)	120	18
Civil Engineering Technology	B.S.E.T. 120	
Electronics Engineering Technology	B.S.E.T. 120	19
Graphic Design Technology	B.S. 120	
Mechanical Engineering Technology	B.S.E.T. 120	
Occupational Safety Technology	B.S. 120	23-24
Technology		23

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting	B.S. 120
Business Administration	B.S. 120
Finance	120
Business	120
Management	120
Marketing	120
Information Systems Management	B.S. 120
Business (minor for non-business students)	21

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

	Min. Sem. Hours Required
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION	120-132

Education students are required to fulfill general studies requirements of the university, professional education requirements and content hours as listed below.

Early/Middle Education Elementary K-6	53
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## SPECIALIZATIONS

Art	Pre K-Adult	61
Biology	9-Adult	49
Chemistry	9-Adult	45-47
English	5-Adult	48
General Science	5-Adult	48
Health Education	5-Adult	40
Journalism	5-Adult	24
Mathematics	5-Adult	48
Mathematics (through Algebra I)	5-9	29
Music	Pre K-Adult	77
Oral Communication	5-Adult	41
Physical Education	Pre K-Adult	43
Physics	9-Adult	45-48
Social Studies	5-Adult	60
Spanish	Pre K-Adult	42
Theatre Arts	Pre K-Adult	48

EDUCATION MINOR	24
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Community Health Education	B.S. 120	21
Exercise Science	B.S. 120	20
Outdoor Recreation Leadership		24

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<b>SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS</b>			
Art Education .....	B.A.E. ....	142	
Art History Minor.....			18
Art Minor .....			18
Communication Arts .....	B.A. ....	120	24
Music.....	B.A. ....	120	24
Music Education.....	B.A.E. ....	146	
Oral Communication Education.....	B.A.E. ....	120	
Studio Art.....	B.A. ....	120	
Theatre Arts .....	B.A. ....	120	31
Theatre Education.....	B.A.E. ....	121	

**SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

Allied Health Administration.....	B.S. ....	120
Nursing .....	B.S.N. ....	120

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Regents B.A. Degree .....	120
Women’s Studies.....	18

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Architectural Engineering Technology ..	A.S. ....	60
Civil Engineering Technology.....	A.S. ....	60
Electronics Engineering Technology.....	A.S. ....	59-60
Mechanical Engineering Technology.....	A.S. ....	60
Nursing .....	A.S.N. ....	60
Nursing .....	LPN-A.S.N. ....	60
Safety Engineering Technology.....	A.S. ....	60

**UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees must complete all major and general studies course requirements as prescribed in their chosen degree program. A minor may be required for some baccalaureate degrees. However, students cannot major and minor in the same program. Each degree program has specific major and general studies requirements. While a complete listing of all general studies courses is listed in a separate section, refer to the respective schools in this catalog for details regarding major and general studies requirements. If a degree program provides some general studies options (provides a choice of courses rather than a specific required course), reference the section with the complete general studies courses listed to see what options are available.

The minimum credit required for graduation from most degree programs is 120 semester hours, with a grade point average of 2.0 in the major and the minor with the exception of a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree, which requires at least a 2.75 in the teaching specialization(s) and overall averages.

Fairmont State University defines a credit hour consistent with the Carnegie Unit: “One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester hour of credit.”

General studies requirements may also be used to meet major or minor requirements. No course, however, may be counted more than once in meeting the number of semester hours required for graduation. For example, general studies requirements in English will also satisfy requirements for a major or minor in English.

Students are required to complete at least one designated writing intensive course as part of their general studies program or their major field of study. This course will not be in addition to other courses, but rather a course from those approved as general studies or majors courses. Students cannot use ENGL 1101, 1102, 1103, 2220, 2221, 2230, or 2231 to satisfy the writing intensive course requirement

All students who are candidates for degrees must attain a grade of “C” or above in English 1101, 1102, and/or 1103 in order to prove their competence in the use of the English language. This is a requirement for graduation.

Twelve hours of one foreign language is a general requirement for a number of Bachelor of Arts degrees. Consult specific programs for details. Upon the presentation of two or more units of high school work in a foreign language currently taught at Fairmont State University, students may have six hours of this requirement at the elementary level waived, provided that they are competent to continue the study of the language in classes numbered 2200 or above. However, students still must complete the required total number of hours for graduation. It is recommended that students begin their requirement in foreign language no later than their sophomore year.

Many major and general studies courses have prerequisites (courses that must first be successfully completed). The catalog section which lists all of the general studies courses also identifies the prerequisites. You can find prerequisite information for ALL courses in the section entitled “Courses of Instruction.”

Students are encouraged to ALWAYS check with their assigned advisor before registering for courses.

All variations from prescribed programs must be approved by the appropriate Dean in the major/minor field before students can qualify for graduation.

Students seeking a second Bachelor’s Degree: See Admissions Requirements in Section 1 of the catalog, “Introduction.”

**HOW TO DECLARE A DOUBLE MAJOR**

Students considering a double major should first speak with advisors in both majors before making a decision. Once the curriculum requirements for both majors have been discussed and clarified, students need to fill out a “Major Change” form at the Student Services Desk (Turley Student Services Center) to declare a second major. Students with a double major will have an advisor assigned by both departments.

Students with double majors are encouraged to consult both advisors regularly during pre-registration and at other times during the academic year when they need help.