Degree Requirements

Bachelor’s Degree Requirements

Requirements for a bachelor’s degree from UWF are listed below. The colleges and departments may have requirements which exceed these minimums. Students should refer to their degree audits (https://confluence.uwf.edu/x/Ojii) to review degree requirements. The degree audit must indicate all requirements have been completed. Please consult the individual departments for details. Minimum requirements are:

- 120 semester hours in an approved program
- UWF cumulative 2.00 GPA with a major GPA of 2.00 (departments may set a minimum grade requirement in each course and limited access programs may require higher minimum major GPAs)
- 48 semester hours in upper-level course work
- 25% of degree program credits (i.e. 30 credits) must be earned in-residence at UWF
- The last 30 semester hours of credit for a degree must be earned at UWF
- 24 semester hours of upper-level work in the major field with a minimum of 18 upper-level semester hours in the major field at UWF
- Fulfillment of Gordon Rule and Mathematics Requirement
- Completion of all General Education requirements
- Completion of all program specific lower division common prerequisites
- Completion of admissions foreign language requirement (BOG Reg 6.002)
- Nine hours of summer semester enrollment at an SUS institution (students who entered UWF with less than 60 semester hours)
- A degree will not be awarded for a student on academic probation or suspension
- Admitted and enrolled at UWF in a degree-seeking status for a minimum of one semester in the degree program for which a degree is awarded
- Admitted and enrolled at UWF in a degree-seeking status within the last five years of the date the degree is awarded. Students should contact their major department to determine the minimum of hours and courses in which to enroll. Students who need to be readmitted will be required to meet the degree requirements of the current catalog.

Double Major and Dual Degree

Per UWF AC-34.01, students earning UWF bachelor’s degrees may work on two programs simultaneously; however, majors or degrees with the same CIP code cannot be pursued simultaneously. Double majors and dual degrees must be awarded in the same semester.

A student may declare a Double Major or a Dual Degree after earning 45 credit hours. A student may not declare a Double Major or Dual Degree after earning 90 credit hours unless the degree can be completed by the projected graduation date of the first major or degree. If a second major or degree cannot be completed by the projected graduation date of the first major or degree, the student must graduate and reapply to the University.

Double Majors

Double majors are defined as seeking one degree, e.g. BA, with two separate majors concurrently, e.g. BA in Psychology, and a BA in Sociology. Students must declare a major in each department (as applicable) and be assigned an Academic Advisor in each discipline. After successful completion of all requirements for both majors, students will be awarded one degree with two majors listed on the diploma and transcript. Students seeking a double major must complete the requirements for both programs at the time of graduation.

Dual Degree

Students pursuing two different degrees (e.g. BA+BS, BSBA+BA, etc...) and graduating with both simultaneously will be awarded a dual degree. Dual Degrees will only be awarded for programs with different degrees. Students must declare a major in each department (as applicable) and be assigned an Academic Advisor, in each discipline. After successful completion of all requirements for both majors, students will be awarded two separate diplomas; one for each degree.

In addition to meeting the requirements listed for the bachelor’s degrees, these students must do the following:

- Submit a Undergraduate Program Change Form (https://my.uwf.edu) via the MyUWF app, with the Double Major and Dual Degree Declaration portion completed
- Complete all department and University requirements for both majors
- Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
- Complete a Graduation Application for each program. (Two separate applications submitted for the same semester.)

Additional Bachelor’s Degrees

Students who have previously earned a bachelor’s degree from any regionally accredited institution, including UWF, may earn an additional bachelor’s degree by completing the following requirements:

- A minimum of 30 semester hours at UWF in an undergraduate degree-seeking program after the previous bachelor’s degree has been awarded. Students who have earned a bachelor’s degree, even if the degree is awarded by UWF, must go on to complete at least 30 additional semester hours (regardless of the number of semester hours required to complete requirements for the new major) in order to be eligible for the additional bachelor’s degree;
- Meet all departmental requirements for the additional bachelor’s degree;
- A degree will not be awarded for a student on academic probation or suspension;
- Admitted and enrolled at UWF in a degree-seeking status for a minimum of one semester in the degree program for which a degree is awarded;
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*s.1007.25 (8) (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1007/Sections/1007.25.html)
Associate of Arts (A.A.): General Degree Requirements

Per s.1007.25 (10) (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1007/Sections/1007.25.html), students at UWF may request an Associate of Arts degree if they have successfully completed the minimum requirements.

The general A.A. degree is available to students who have met the following requirements (s.1007.25 (7) (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1007/Sections/1007.25.html)):

• Completed at least 60 semester hours of coursework

• Completed 36 semester hours of UWF’s general education coursework
  • Fulfilled the Gordon Rule Writing and Mathematics requirements

• Completed at least 30 semester hours of those 60 semester hours in residence at UWF
  • Eighteen semester hours of the 30 semester hours in residence must be taken from the list of UWF General Education courses (contact First Year Advising (https://uwf.edu/offices/center-for-academic-success/departments/first-year-advising) for details)

• Have an institutional UWF GPA of at least 2.00

• Completed the admissions foreign language requirement pursuant to s.1007.262 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1007/Sections/1007.262.html)

A degree will not be awarded for a student on academic probation or suspension

A.A. degree candidates must be admitted and enrolled at UWF in a degree-seeking status within the last five years of the date the degree is awarded.

Students should contact their academic advisor to determine the minimum number of hours and courses in which to enroll. Students who need to be readmitted will be required to meet the degree requirements of the current catalog.

Students who meet these requirements, are currently enrolled, and have not previously been awarded an associate’s degree elsewhere may be eligible to automatically receive the A.A. degree. Students should refer to the Applying for Graduation (https://confluence.uwf.edu/display/public/Applying+for+Graduation) information for additional steps. The A.A. degree will not be awarded in the same semester that the baccalaureate degree is awarded or in any semester following the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Baccalaureate Honors

The University will confer baccalaureate honors recognition on those students who have earned:

• At least 40 semester hours of graded work at UWF.
  • At least a 3.5 institutional (UWF) GPA or
  • At least a 3.5 overall (transfer and UWF) GPA.

Baccalaureate Honors will be based on the lower of the two GPAs; either the cumulative institutional or overall cumulative GPA. The GPA calculation can be found on the unofficial transcript.

For students with an A.S. degree in Nursing from an accredited program, a minimum of 32 hours of graded work at UWF are required for consideration of baccalaureate honors recognition.

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