

Educational Program

Undergraduate Degrees Offered:

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

All Bachelor Degrees Require:

- 120 credits (minimum) of college work (inclusive of UD General Education & degree requirements of at least one academic major)
- A maximum of 9 credit hours of developmental course work (000-099) may be applied to the 120 credit minimum of college work for graduation.
- At least 30 of the last 36 credit hours earned must be earned in residence at the University of Dubuque. Online courses offered by UD are considered to be courses in residence, as are cross-registered courses offered at Clarke, Loras and Emmaus Bible College.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all work completed at UD.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 for all courses taken in a major is required unless a particular major requires a higher grade point average.
- A grade of C or better when the minimum acceptable grade is stated to be a C (a grade of C- will not suffice).

Review Departmental descriptions for details of specific degree requirements of each Bachelor's degree offered.

Both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees include a reasonable balance of three components:

- A major providing depth of preparation in an academic or professional field.
- A general education that forms broadly educated students at the undergraduate level by developing competence that engages questions and challenges in a variety of life contexts and is directed toward living out one's calling with character and conviction.
- Electives chosen to fit the student's preferences or needs. (It is recognized that the number of these electives may be fewer in some degrees because of accreditation requirements, but the inclusion of some electives is important.)
- Although not every program follows the definitions found below, for the most part the University of Dubuque ascribes to the following criteria when determining whether a major is offered as a BA or BS degree.

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- Is usually broader in focus than a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Requires a minimum of 120 credits for the degree; a minimum of 30 credits are required in the major, of which at least 18 credits are at the 300-400 level.
- May require or offer as electives, additional courses in the humanities beyond the general education requirement.
- Is normally awarded in such majors as English, communication, fine and performing arts, business, psychology, theology, sociology, and criminal justice.

Bachelor of Science (BS)

- Typically involves professional programs in technical and scientific areas.
- Requires a minimum of 120 credits for the degree; a minimum 54 credits are required in the major.
- Requires at least one higher level math, lab science, or computer technology course beyond the general

education requirement.

- Is normally awarded in such majors as chemistry, biological sciences, wellness and exercise science, computer information systems, aviation management and flight, digital art & design, education, and nursing.

SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS for AA and AS degrees

Associate of Arts (AA)

- A minimum of 64 credits.
- General education requirements (excluding the major capstone).
- Elective credits may be concentrated into a specific area of interest if the student chooses.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all work completed.
- At least 30 of the last 36 hours must be completed in residence at the University of Dubuque.

Associate of Science (AS)

- A minimum of 64 credits.
- General education requirements (excluding the major capstone).
- Elective credits are to be concentrated, as specified, in departments that offer the BS.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all work completed.
- At least 30 of the last 36 hours must be completed in residence at the University of Dubuque.