College of Arts and Sciences

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirement

Students must meet the general education requirement. All courses that carry the following general education designations are listed on The University of Alabama's website and are usually displayed in each semester's Schedule of Classes. Please consult the listings for each semester.

1. Freshman Composition (FC) – Six hours
2. Upper-level Writing (W) – Six hours: Writing-designated courses are 300- and 400-level courses usually completed in the student's junior and senior years and most commonly in the major or minor. The writing requirement must be satisfied by courses taken at The University of Alabama.
3. Foreign Language (FL) and Computer (C) – Six hours: Each student completes one of the following options: Six semester hours in courses approved for the computer designation (such courses assume a working knowledge of the computer) OR two semesters or the equivalent in one foreign language. Students must earn grades of C- or higher in the first course of the two-semester sequence before enrolling in the second course.
4. Humanities (HU), Literature (L) and Fine Arts (FA) – 12 hours: To satisfy this requirement, each student completes the following: three hours of fine arts, three hours of literature, and six hours of other fine arts, literature or humanities courses. Each student must complete a six-semester-hour sequence in either literature or history. To satisfy the breadth of learning so crucial to general education, a maximum of six hours in any one department may be applied to the humanities, literature, fine arts, history, and social and behavioral sciences requirements.
5. History (HI) and Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB) – 12 hours: To satisfy this requirement, each student completes the following: three hours of history and nine hours of other HI and SB courses.
6. Natural sciences (N) and Mathematics (MA) – 11 hours: To satisfy this requirement, each student completes the following: eight hours of natural sciences (including six hours of lecture and two hours of accompanying lab) and three hours of mathematics (the mathematics requirement must be satisfied with MATH 110 Finite Mathematics or higher).

All BS degrees must include Calculus I (MATH 125 Calculus I or MATH 145 Honors Calculus I), or a higher-level calculus course.

Major

Major Subjects of Specialization

Each student must have at least one major subject of specialization. See the listing for majors and minors available in the College of Arts and Sciences. Requirements for majors and minors can be found under academic departments.
1. Calculation is based only on classes currently being used to complete minor requirements.
2. Calculation does not include failed and repeated courses.
3. Calculation does not include classes in the minor subject area that were taken over and above what is required to complete the minor. Since these classes are not actually completing requirements, they are not taken into consideration.
4. When multiple classes can be used to complete a particular requirement, the class with the best grade will be used in the GPA calculation.
5. Both UA institutional coursework and transfer work will be used to calculate the GPA.

Duplication of Coursework
The use of the same course to satisfy specific requirements in the major and minor is not permitted. However, courses that are used to satisfy General Education Requirements can be used to complete major or minor requirements. Ancillary courses required for the major may be used to satisfy requirements in the minor or in the second major.

Double Minors
Students may minor in two subjects, with the following provisions:
1. One minor may be selected from approved minors in other divisions.
2. There is no duplication of coursework used to complete the two minor programs or the major and minors.

Electives
Additional coursework to achieve 120 hours or more in the degree program is required.

Additional Expectations
These additional requirements are important to ensuring the liberal arts character of the degree program. The requirements set minimum standards for the degree, including the promotion of sufficient study at The University of Alabama, setting minimum standards of performance quality, establishing expectations for study at the advanced level and in liberal arts disciplines, and limiting the applicability of certain types of courses.

Catalog
All degree requirements are met under one catalog. This is usually determined by the catalog in effect at the time of the student's first enrollment, but a student may change his or her catalog to a more recent one.

Residence in the College and in the Major and Minor
While enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, students must earn a minimum of 30 hours on this campus. A minimum of 12 hours in each major and six hours in each minor must be earned at the 300- or 400-level in residence.

Minimum Hours with 2.0 Grade Point Average
1. Each student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of coursework approved by the College of Arts and Sciences.
2. Each student must earn a minimum 2.0 grade point average on the total number of hours attempted, including all work at UA and all transfer work.
3. Each student must earn a minimum 2.0 grade point average on hours attempted at The University of Alabama.

36 Hours in 300– and 400–Level Courses
Each student in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours in courses at the 300 or 400 level. The 36-hour total includes the 300- and 400-level courses completed in fulfillment of major and minor requirements.

Junior college credits are not considered advanced level.

90 Hours within the Disciplines of the College
All degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require at least 90 hours
College of Communication and Information Sciences

General Degree Requirements
Students should refer to the Admissions section of this catalog for information about advanced placement, CLEP credit, CLEP subject examinations, junior college credit and transfer credit (the College of Communication and Information Sciences has final authority in decisions concerning the possible application of junior college credit and other college credit toward a student’s degree requirements). Information about academic bankruptcy, application for degree, class-hour load restrictions, concurrent enrollment, core curriculum requirements, drop/add, the pass/fail option and second bachelor's degrees can be found in the Academic Records and General Academic Policies section of this catalog.

In order to earn the bachelor of arts in communication degree, students must satisfy the following requirements.

Hours and Grade Point Average
All majors in the College of Communication and Information Sciences must complete the minimum number of semester hours required by their departments and approved by the College. Of the total number of hours required for each major, up to 16 may be earned in military science. The total hours for graduation must include the coursework specified in this catalog under the heading for the appropriate major department.

To be eligible for graduation, a College of Communication and Information Sciences major must have an overall and on-campus grade point average of 2.0 or higher and a grade point average of 2.0 or higher in the major and in the minor.

Grade Requirements for Courses in the Major
A student must have grades of C- or higher in all required and elective courses counted toward an undergraduate major in the College of Communication and Information Sciences. In addition, grades of C- or higher must be earned in all required ancillary courses, including those established as prerequisites for courses in the major as well as those required directly in the major.

Students majoring in advertising and public relations, journalism, and telecommunication and film must successfully complete at least 72 hours outside the mass communication area.

Students should always check with the major department or the College of Communication and Information Sciences records office for specific policies pertaining to a particular department or program.

Residence in the College and in the Major and Minor
While enrolled in the College of Communication and Information Sciences, students must earn a minimum of 30 hours on this campus. A minimum of 12 hours in each major and six hours in each minor must be earned at the 300 or 400 level in residence.
General Degree Requirements

The College of Education offers undergraduate programs leading to the bachelor of science in education or the bachelor of science degree. These programs require the completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours in prescribed and elective courses, as set forth in this catalog (most programs require the completion of more than 120 hours). Graduates will also have met the prescribed minimum standards of scholarship. A minimum of 32 semester hours, including nine of the last 18 hours required for a degree, must be earned in residence at The University of Alabama as an enrolled student in the College of Education.

If a student does not complete requirements for the undergraduate degree within a period of seven years from the date of admission, the College of Education will modify the student’s program to bring it into compliance with current degree and certification requirements. In addition, a student in a teacher education program must complete that program's requirements within four years from the date of formal admission to the program, or he or she must reapply for admission.

Upon re-entering, any student with a break in his or her enrollment at The University of Alabama (fall or spring semesters) will be placed in the program required of newly admitted students. Exceptions may be made by personnel in the Office of Student Services and Certification.

Because of the number of educational options available to students in the college, sample programs of study for the various education majors cannot be provided here. Instead, detailed program outlines are available from academic advisers in the various program offices. In general, students take 100-level courses during the first year of college, 200-level courses during the second year, and 300- and 400-level courses during the third and fourth years.

Each undergraduate program contains a group of courses classified as general studies. These courses must be taken in the proper prescribed sequence during the freshman and sophomore years, until they are completed. Required studies in English are part of the general studies requirement; a student must enroll each semester in the prescribed composition and literature courses until the English requirement is completed.

Upper and Lower Divisions

Students enrolling in a teacher education program (a program leading to Alabama Class B certification) enter the upper division of the College of Education at the time of their admission to a Teacher Education Program (TEP).

Retention in the College of Education

To continue to be eligible for enrollment in the upper division of the College of Education, a student must successfully complete any remaining courses in the teaching
College of Engineering

Degree Requirements

The requirements specified in this catalog are intended for all students who begin their college careers during or after the fall of 2012. Students who have begun their careers prior to fall 2012 may choose to complete the requirements outlined in this catalog, but if they do so they must complete all of the requirements listed herein. Students may not choose some requirements from this catalog and some from previous catalogs. If a student does not complete requirements for the undergraduate degree within a period of seven years from the date of admission, the College of Engineering will modify the student’s program to bring it into compliance with current degree requirements.

Application for Degree

Each candidate for graduation must submit an application for degree to Engineering Student Services (112 H. M. Comer Hall). Students who expect to complete degree requirements in May can submit their degree applications beginning on October 1 of the previous year. Those who expect to finish their requirements after the Interim term, summer session or fall semester should submit their applications beginning the in March before the expected graduation. In all cases, an application for degree must be on file in Engineering Student Services no later than the time at which the degree candidate registers for his or her final semester in residence. Students who apply for their degrees after registration for the final semester will not receive their diplomas until the following term.

Graduation Standards

Each student who expects to earn a baccalaureate degree from the College of Engineering must meet the following minimum standards of academic achievement:

- successfully complete all courses specified in the degree program
- complete at least one-half of the work required within the discipline on this campus
- earn at least a C average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) for all work attempted
- earn at least a C average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) for all work attempted on this campus
- earn at least a C average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) for all work attempted in his or her professional courses
- earn at least a C average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) for all work attempted in his or her professional courses on this campus
- meet any additional academic requirements of the program offering the degree
College of Human Environmental Sciences

General Degree Requirements

The minimum requirements for a degree in the College of Human Environmental Sciences at The University of Alabama are:

- A minimum of 120 earned semester credit hours, including all University Core Curriculum requirements and the human environmental sciences core courses (HES 310 Issues Human Envir Sciences for all students and HES 100 Freshman Compass Human Env Sci for new freshmen on campus HES 103 Distance Compass HES for new online freshman).
- A 2.0 or higher grade point average for all college-level courses attempted, all courses attempted at The University of Alabama and all courses attempted in the major field of study.
- At least 30 semester credit hours earned in residence in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, including at least 9 of the last 18 hours required for a degree.

It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that all degree requirements have been met. Students should review the academic requirements in the catalog and on DegreeWorks and arrange to meet with their academic advisers in the College of Human Environmental Sciences two semesters prior to graduation to verify that all requirements will have been fulfilled by the expected date of graduation. In order to graduate, a student must submit an application for degree using the online application for degree on MyBama no later than the time he or she registers for the final semester in residence.
Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration

General Degree Requirements and Academic Policies

The requirements specified in this catalog are intended for all students who begin their college careers during or after the fall of 2013. Students who have begun their careers prior to fall 2013 may choose to complete the requirements outlined in this catalog, but if they do so, they must complete all of the requirements listed here. Students may not choose some requirements from this catalog and some from previous catalogs.

Student Responsibilities

- Each student is responsible for selecting courses that will allow him or her to make reasonable progress toward a degree in the college. An appointment with an adviser in the A.H. Bean Undergraduate Student Services Center to develop a long-term academic plan is strongly encouraged.
- Each student is responsible for following University and college policies appearing in official documents, including those on the University and college websites, governing academic programs, curricula, courses and completion of degrees.
- Each student is expected to pursue successful completion of all courses in which he or she enrolls.
- Each student is expected to maintain a current and accurate mailing address, email address and phone number with the A.H. Bean Undergraduate Student Services Center, and to respond promptly to all communications from the University and the college.
- Each student is expected to be familiar with the current academic calendar.

Maximum Class Hour Load Per Semester

Entering freshman students may enroll in a maximum of 16 semester hours during the first semester in residence. Continuing students may register for a maximum of 16 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters and a maximum of 14 semester hours during the summer session without special permission.

Students must register for a minimum of 12 semester hours in order to be classified as full-time students. Students who wish to take less than a full-time load must secure permission from the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs.

Auditing Courses

Students may register for courses as auditors with the approval of the departments
Capstone College of Nursing

Degree Requirements

Standards of Conduct

The nursing student shall comply with legal, moral and legislative standards that determine unacceptable behavior of the nurse and that may be cause for denial of a license to practice as a registered nurse in accordance with Alabama law as stated below.

"The board shall have the power to deny, revoke or suspend any license issued by it or to otherwise discipline a licensee upon proof that he or she is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license; has been convicted of a felony; is guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude or of gross immorality that would tend to bring reproach upon the nursing profession; is unfit or incompetent due to personal habits; is habitually intemperate due to the use of alcohol or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs to such an extent as to render him or her unsafe or unreliable as a licensee; has been convicted of any violation of a federal or state law relating to controlled substances; is mentally incompetent; is guilty of unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or injure the public in matters pertaining to health; or has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this article as defined by board rules and regulations." (Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, September 1997)

Failure to comply with any of the above stipulations while in the nursing program constitutes grounds for dismissal from the program.

It is important for nursing students to know about the Alabama Board of Nursing’s regulations governing review of candidates for initial and continuing licensure eligibility. There will be questions on the application to take the examination for licensure as a registered nurse that ask, "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a criminal offense?" and, "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol?" Application to take the examination may be denied on the basis of this review. Although these policies apply specifically in Alabama, other states have similar stipulations for licensure.

Essential Skills and Behaviors

See the Promotion Policies section of this catalog under Admission Requirements to the Capstone College of Nursing.

Hours and Grade Points

The student must complete a minimum of 126 hours* of academic credit approved by the Capstone College of Nursing to meet the requirements for the degree of bachelor of science in nursing. Additional courses may be necessary for students to meet the University Core Curriculum requirements.

All coursework leading to the BSN degree, including electives, requires a minimum
Capstone College of Nursing

General Policies

Prerequisites
Many lower division courses have specific prerequisites. See course descriptions for prerequisites or contact the Office of Nursing Student Services for detailed information.

Policies Governing Progression and Graduation
Upon promotion to the upper division, students progress to clinical nursing courses in the established sequence. If a student’s progression is interrupted for any reason, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the assistant dean of Undergraduate Programs to request consideration for reassignment. Because spaces in clinical courses are limited, any alteration of the usual progression may lengthen the student’s program of study.

To be eligible for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a candidate must show successful completion of the courses required in the nursing program of study and complete a minimum of 32 semester hours at The University of Alabama.

Academic Probation and Suspension
The general academic scholarship rules of the University apply to students enrolled in the Capstone College of Nursing; however, any written agreements entered into by students and the dean of the College take precedence over the University’s general rule. See the Academic Records and General Academic Policies section of this catalog for further details.

Any student who receives a second D or F in any nursing course, or in any combination of nursing courses, will be academically suspended from the Capstone College of Nursing.

Readmission of Academically Suspended Students
After a lapse of one regular semester from the last date of enrollment, a student who has been suspended by the Capstone College of Nursing may apply for readmission through the office of the senior associate dean of Academic Programs. This application may be submitted immediately after notification of suspension. The application, the student’s record of performance and other pertinent information submitted by the student will be reviewed, and a recommendation concerning the application for readmission will be made to the dean of the college. Students who are suspended a second time are placed on indefinite academic suspension.

Readmission Following Withdrawal
A student who has withdrawn from the upper division of the Capstone College of Nursing and wishes to be readmitted after an absence of one semester or more must do the following:

1. Contact the assistant dean of Undergraduate Programs for information about the