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The regulations published in the Undergraduate Catalog are a digest of the rules of the institution. Changes may be made in the regulations at any time to promote the best interests of the university and its students. Students are responsible for knowing the published regulations, policies, and standards of the university and of their college or school.

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are established by the university for all undergraduate degrees. The student also must complete additional requirements for each specific degree; these are established by each college and school within the university and are described elsewhere in this catalog.

University Core Curriculum

The core curriculum is a set of 30 hours of coursework taken by students. The core includes the following courses required for all entering freshman students:

- 6 hours of English composition (honors students may satisfy English composition requirements by taking Hon 101 and 102)
- 3 hours of college algebra or quantitative reasoning or statistics (taken from a department of mathematics) or a more advanced mathematics course
- 6 hours of natural science
- 9 hours of humanities and fine arts, and
- 6 hours of social or behavioral science courses

The purpose of the core curriculum, along with coursework in the major, electives, and co-curricular learning experiences, is to provide a general education experience for students.

General Education Values Statement

As our mission statement proclaims, a University of Mississippi education is built "upon a distinguished foundation in the liberal arts." Consequently, students at our institution become inheritors and stewards of an intellectual tradition that, for millennia, has provided us with the tools to better understand ourselves, to create a more just world, and to craft meaningful lives.

Students begin this academic journey in general education, where they participate in a shared learning experience that fosters social responsibility, scientific exploration, civic engagement, an appreciation of the natural world, nuanced appraisals of the past, and lifelong habits of inquiry.

Throughout the general education core curriculum, faculty members help students to develop mastery in the competency areas described below and to grow as thinkers and learners by means of challenging coursework.

Ultimately, general education is the entryway to our university. As students step through and broaden their perspectives in a range of different fields, they take their rightful place in our community of scholars.

General Education Student Learning Competencies

Upon completing the core curriculum, along with certain courses within the program/major and co-curricular learning experiences, University of Mississippi baccalaureate-seeking students should demonstrate the following general education competencies:

- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Reasoning and Ethical Responsibility
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Oral Communication
- Written Communication

Declaring a Major

When entering the university, a student may declare an intended degree program (major) or may declare to be undecided. Students who have completed at least 12 hours at the university and who wish to declare a major or switch majors must have at least a 2.0 overall GPA (resident GPA) on these hours and must have at least a 2.0 GPA on all work attempted at other institutions. Individual degree programs and schools may impose a higher entering resident GPA requirement or selection criteria, and academic deans may approve exceptions to the above GPA requirement. Students must also declare a major upon completion of 45 credit hours.

Minimum Credit Hours

All baccalaureate degree programs require at least 120 semester hours with passing grades. Students who take more than the required number of hours will...
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