

B.A./B.S. Requirements

Colleges decide whether to offer the B.A., the B.S., or both, and schools or departments within the college may choose to offer just the B.A., just the B.S., or both. If both the B.A. and the B.S. are offered, there should be distinct requirements for each (departments may implement or elaborate on college-level requirements).

All students receiving a B.A. degree shall have foreign language proficiency certified by the School of Language, Culture, and Society as equivalent to that attained at the end of the second-year course in the language. Colleges offering the B.S. should consider the appropriateness of a language requirement as one of their requirements for the B.S. degree.

The B.A. degree is conferred for broad and liberal education in the humanities, arts, social sciences, and sciences.

- College B.A. degree requirements shall provide a breadth of preparation in the humanities, arts, social sciences, and sciences that is significantly greater than that which is required of all undergraduates through the Baccalaureate Core.
- ~~⊖~~School/departmental requirements distinguishing the B.A. from the B.S. are optional; when both are proposed, school/departmental B.A. requirements will promote broader preparation within the major and among related fields.

The B.S. degree is conferred for focused curricula that emphasize scientific ways of knowing and quantitative approaches to understanding in the sciences and the social sciences and for curricula in professional fields.

- College B.S. degree requirements shall provide a depth of preparation in scientific and quantitative approaches to understanding that is significantly greater than that which is required of all undergraduates through the Baccalaureate Core.
- ~~⊖~~School/departmental requirements distinguishing the B.S. from the B.A. are optional; when both are proposed, school/departmental B.S. requirements will promote focused curricula that emphasize scientific and quantitative approaches to understanding.

When a college proposes to offer both a B.S. and a B.A., the requirements for the degrees shall place comparable demands upon the time and effort of students.

Credits used to meet requirements distinct to the B.A. and B.S. may also be used, if otherwise appropriate, to meet departmental, school, college, and university requirements.

Colleges, schools, and departments, ~~and academic units~~ formulate additional requirements that are consistent with those of the B.A. and B.S. requirements of the university. Changes to the requirements for existing B.A. and B.S. programs require a Change Major proposal via the Curriculum Proposal System.

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