

# Degree Completion Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees

Students are responsible for meeting the following graduation requirements:

1. **First Year Experience (FYE) – ID120:** First Year Experience is required for all first-time freshman, regardless of the number of college earned prior to high school graduation. Additionally, transfer students with fewer than 30 semester hours of transfer credit are required to take ID120. For students who have served in the military or who are 23 years of age as of the first day of the semester, this requirement will be waived. Students who transfer in at junior or senior status will be placed in GL320: Wilmington Global Signature during their first year of enrollment.
2. **Written Communication Skills – W Courses**
  - Students must complete two (2) courses or 8 credit hours of courses with a Writing (W) skill.
3. **Global Awareness:** 8 hours of Global (G) courses. A student may not satisfy the Global Awareness requirement by passing a CLEP, AP, IB (international baccalaureate), or proficiency exam in a language.
4. **Global Capstone–GL320: Wilmington Global Signature (4)** must be completed in the junior or senior year.
5. **Application of Degree.** Each candidate for a degree must file a written application in the Office of Academic Records. Deadlines for application are:
  - December degree candidates: September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - May degree candidates: January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - August degree candidates (planning to participate in May Commencement): January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - All other August degree candidates: March 16<sup>th</sup>

After diplomas have been printed there will be a \$35.00 charge to change a diploma name. Official transcripts for all transfer credit must be on file with the Registrar/Office of Academic Affairs at least one month prior to the expected date of graduation.

6. **Hours required.** The completion of 124 semester hour or credits of academic work is required for graduation.
7. **Minimum number of hours.** A minimum of 32 semester hour credits must be registered for and completed at Wilmington College in order to receive a Wilmington College degree.
8. **Residence Requirement.** Candidates for degrees are required to take 24 of their 32 semester hours at Wilmington College. Students who have completed 88 credit hours on-campus may do part or all of the senior work off-campus with the approval of the Office of Academic Records. Experiential Learning and Proficiency Examinations credits do not count in the Wilmington College residency requirements.
9. **Upper division work.** All students must have 40 hours of upper division work. One-half of the hours required for a major must be upper division hours. Upper division courses are numbered in the 300s and 400s.
10. **General Education requirement.** All students must satisfactorily complete the General Education requirements listed in this catalog.
11. **Writing Competency.** All students are required to complete EN101 (or, for Honors Program students, EN103H) with a grade of "C–" or better. See Writing Competence under General Education.

12. **Major requirement.** All students must satisfactorily complete a major program acceptable to the College. Degree-seeking students must declare a major upon completion of 44 hours at Wilmington College. Transfer students with more than 44 semester hours must declare by the end of their first semester at Wilmington College. Failure to declare a major within this time frame will result in an administrative hold on records, preventing a student from registering for subsequent semesters until a major is declared. Once declared, a student's major may be changed using a Major Declaration form obtained from the Student One-Stop Center or the Office of Academic Affairs. Majors are listed under Academic Programs.
13. **Grade point average and academic standing.** All candidates for a degree must have a grade point average of not less than 2.00 ("C" average), within the major, minor, and overall. Determination of grade point averages is explained in this catalog. All candidates for a degree must be in academic good standing.
14. **Second bachelor's degree.** While seeking the first bachelor's degree, an individual may complete multiple majors and multiple minors but may not be granted two simultaneous degrees. An individual who holds a bachelor's degree from Wilmington College or any other regionally accredited school may pursue a second bachelor's degree. The second degree requires the completion of additional major and a minimum of 32 Wilmington College semester hours. No state or federal aid, except for the Title IV Loan Programs, is available to a student seeking a second degree. Students who are attending Wilmington College as "licensure only" are eligible for financial aid as fifth-year undergraduate students, if taking courses required for initial teacher certification/licensure or renewal of licensure.
15. **Baccalaureate and Commencement.** Attendance is expected at Baccalaureate and Commencement of candidates who complete degree requirements at the end of spring semester. December graduates and anticipated August degree candidates may also take part in the May commencement, but August degree candidates must be within 12 hours of the completion of degree requirements by the time of the May commencement. August candidates must be in academic good standing for Spring Semester to participate in Commencement. Exceptions to the 12-hour requirement may only be made by the Vice President, Chief Academic Officer/Dean of Faculty.
16. **Financial Obligations.** Students with unpaid obligations to the College will not be able to receive diplomas and transcripts.