

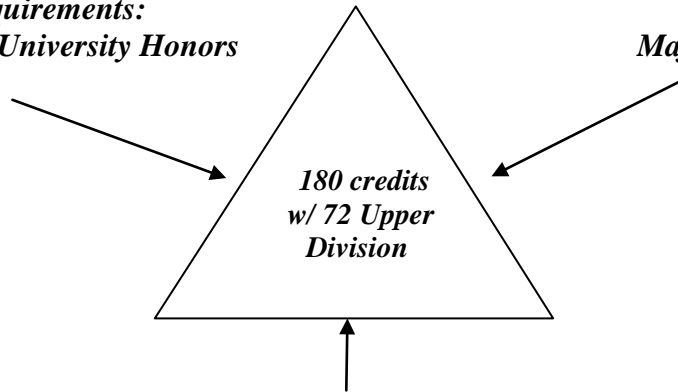
Portland State University Requirements

COMPONENTS OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE:

General Education Requirements:

University Studies OR University Honors

Major Requirements



Degree Options: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Art, or Bachelor of Music

MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Credit requirement:** 30 transferable quarter credits or 20 semester credits. Students with less than 30 transferable must also meet freshman admission requirements.
- GPA requirement:** 2.25, or 2.00 for students with Associate's of Arts, Associate's of Science or Oregon Transfer Module
- Writing requirement:** Complete WR 121 (or its equivalent) with a C- or higher.
- Second Language Proficiency:** Students who graduated or would have graduated high school in Oregon in 1997 or later must demonstrate proficiency by showing two years of the same second language on a *high school transcript* or *two terms of the same language at college level*. Transfer students must submit a high school transcript if they have completed this requirement. Students who do not meet this requirement may complete it at PSU.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (choose one)

<p>Bachelor of Arts (BA)—28 total credits minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 credits in Arts & Letters 4 credits in Fine & Performing Arts 4 credits in Science/Math (100-level or higher) 8 credits in Science/Math/Social Science 4 credits in Foreign Language numbered 203 or higher¹ (see footnote below) 	<p>Bachelor of Science (BS)—28 total credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 credits in Science (8 must include lab) 12 credits in Arts & Letters/Social Science 4 credits in Math (100-level or higher)
<p>Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) and Bachelor of Music (BM) — students interested in the BFA in Art or the BM programs should contact those departments for specific requirements.</p>	

BA/BS DISTRIBUTION AREAS:

<u>Arts & Letters</u>	<u>Sciences</u>	<u>Social Sciences</u>
<p>American Sign Language, Applied Linguistics (except ENL or ESOL LING 110), Architecture, Art*, Arts & Letters, Black Studies (221, 351, 352, 353, 421, 424-426 only), Dance*, English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Music*, Philosophy, Speech Communication, Speech & Hearing Sciences, Theater Arts*, Writing * denotes Fine & Performing Arts</p>	<p>Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Physical Science (GS), Geology, Physics, Science Education (SCI)</p>	<p>Anthropology, Black Studies (except 221, 351, 352, 353, 421, 424-427), Chicano/Latino Studies, Child & Family Studies, Economics, Geography, History, International Studies, Native American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Urban Studies & Planning, Women's Studies</p>

¹FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:

Students with no previous knowledge of a foreign language need to complete two full years of a language at the college level for a BA degree. Students who are already competent in a foreign language may meet the BA language requirement by completing a foreign language course numbered 203 or higher or for which 203 is a prerequisite, or otherwise demonstrate proficiency with the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department at PSU. English satisfies the BA language requirement for students who graduated from high school where English was not the language of instruction.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All colleges have a general education requirement designed to provide the breadth of knowledge and skills expected from college graduates. At Portland State University, there are two general education tracks available: University Studies and University Honors. Students must complete one of these tracks to graduate from PSU.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

www.pdx.edu/unst

The University Studies program emphasizes an understanding of **communication, critical thinking, social and ethical responsibility, and diversity of the human experience** at all levels. These courses are unique to Portland State University and cannot be completed at other institutions. However, it is recommended that students planning to transfer to PSU take courses that address these goals (e.g., writing, speech, philosophy, political science, ethnic studies.)

► **Freshman Inquiry:** A year-long theme-based sequence taught by an interdisciplinary team of instructors.

► **Sophomore Inquiry:** Gateway courses that introduce the themes to be further explored in the Upper Division Cluster. These courses introduce students to ideas, research, theory and perspectives that are central to the cluster. Examples include Asian Studies, Family Studies, Media Studies, Nineteenth Century, and Popular Culture. Students will be required to complete one, two, or three different Sophomore Inquiries based on their transfer status (see below).

► **Upper Division Cluster:** A group of approved upper division courses which explore interdisciplinary themes. As an example, the Asian Studies Cluster includes courses related to Asia taught by Anthropology, Art History, Chinese, Japanese, and History. Students complete a total of 12 credits in one cluster. Students who are required to take Sophomore Inquiry must choose a cluster which matches one of the Sophomore Inquiry courses taken. Courses from a student's major department may not be used to satisfy the cluster requirements. Information about clusters may be found on the University Studies website.

► **Senior Capstone:** A six-credit community-based learning course developed and taught by a faculty member. Students work as a team to research and develop projects which address challenges within the community. Many capstones work with schools, non-profit organizations or city agencies.

University Studies Placement Chart for Transfer Students*

- 0-29 credits: Students complete all University Studies beginning with Freshman Inquiry (total of 45 credits)
- 30-59 credits: Three Sophomore Inquiry courses + UD Cluster + Capstone (total of 30 credits)
- 60-74 credits: Two Sophomore Inquiry courses + UD Cluster + Capstone (total of 26 credits)
- 75-89 credits: One Sophomore Inquiry + UD Cluster + Capstone (total of 22 credits)
- 90+ credits/AAOT: Three Courses in an Upper Division Cluster + Capstone (total of 18 credits)

**Based on total number of transfer credits completed prior to term of admission to PSU*

UNIVERSITY HONORS

www.honors.pdx.edu

Students selected into the Honors Program complete a core component of work that will satisfy the general education requirement. While individual core programs vary to some extent, all students complete 10 courses in the liberal arts track or 8 courses in the technical/professional track. Students transferring more than 60 credits are generally not recommended to enter the Honors Program. For more information, contact the Honors Program at 503.725.4928.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Total credits required to graduate with Bachelor's degree: **180**

Total Upper Division (300/400 level) credits required: **72**

Minimum credits required in residence at PSU: **45 of last 60 or 165 total**

Maximum number of credits from two-year college allowed towards degree: **124**

Maximum number of Pass/No Pass credits allowed towards a degree: **45**

Maximum number of ENL credits allowed towards a degree: **36**

Maximum number of vocational/technical, PE, and cooperative education credits allowed towards a degree: **12 each**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Financial Aid:	503.725.3461	www.pdx.edu/finaid	askfa@pdx.edu
Community College Relations:	503.725.9546	www.pdx.edu/uasc/ccr.html	cctransfer@pdx.edu
General Advising:	503.725.4005	www.pdx.edu/advising	advising@pdx.edu

For more information about these requirements visit www.pdx.edu/advising or email cctransfer@pdx.edu