



Here are some helpful hints from our advising team!

KNOW THE LINGO

Degrees:

Associate in Arts (AA)

- 60 credits / 2 years
- Satisfies the general education courses and prerequisites

Bachelor's (Undergraduate)

- ~ 120 credits / 4 years
- Name of your degree = Major
- Primary Area of focus
- Ex: BA in Psychology, BS in Physics, etc.

What's a credit?

A credit is a measure of how much instruction a student receives. Students need at least 120 credits to earn a degree.

Typical lecture = 3 credits
 Typical Science lab = 1 credit

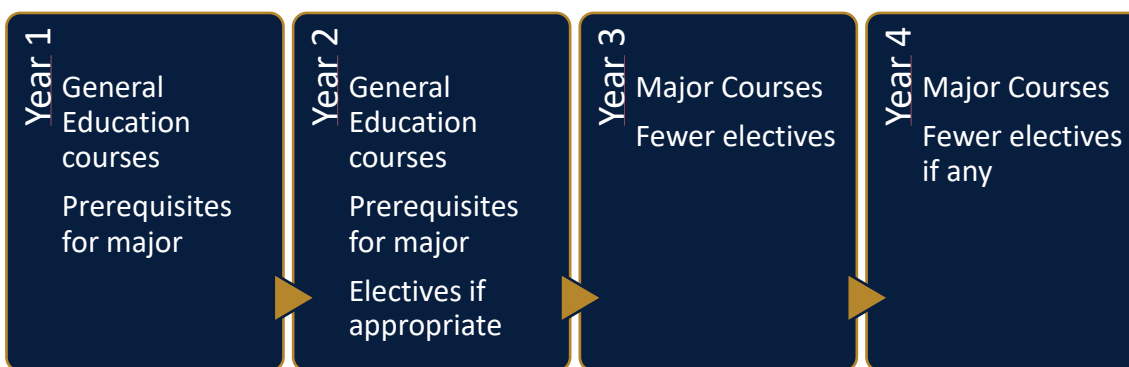
Full time = 12-15 credits a semester
 4 - 5 classes a semester

30 credits per year
 120 credits in 4 years



Typical Coursework

What will your four years look like?



Year 1 resembles high school with a variety of subjects like English, Math, Science, Social Studies, etc. Depending on your major, you'll work exclusively on major requirements as you progress through the years.

Most undergraduate majors take about 120 credits to graduate, where students are required to satisfy requirements for the University, their college where their major resides and their major. The type of major would indicate the type of classes, and whether there's room for electives.

Instructional Time & Independent Learning

High School

Average time per class:

- In class 5 hours a week
- 8 weeks/qrtr X 4 qrtrs = 32 weeks
- **160 hours of instruction per class**

University

Average time per class:

- In class 3 hours a week
- 16 weeks typical semester
- **48 hours of instruction per class**

Greater emphasis on Independent Learning at the University level.

Before Selecting a Major...

Select a subject you **LOVE!**

Hint:

- You lose track of time reading/doing the work.
- You do well in the subject (high marks, awards, etc.)
- You don't shut up about it!
- You explore more of it in your free time.



Did you know?

Most careers do not require a specific degree.

27% of College Graduates work in their major field of study*.

*According to a 2014 study from *Inside Higher Ed*

It is these transferrable skills that are crucial in the job market.



Professionalism



Communication



Critical Thinking



Teamwork



Technology



Leadership



Equity &
Inclusion



Career &
Self-Development

Explore your interests:

- <http://onetonline.org>
- <http://mynextmove.org>
- Electives / Courses
- Hobbies
- Extracurriculars
- Volunteer work