



DEGREES AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

At Williams a student may choose any one of the following degrees:

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Christian Ministries
 - Biblical & Theological Studies
 - Discipleship Ministries
 - Great Commission Studies
 - Sports Ministry
- English
- History
- Liberal Arts
- Music
 - Music and Worship (Senior Recital or Senior Project Track)
 - Music (Senior Recital or Senior Project Track)
- Sports Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Biology
 - Biology
 - Health Studies: Gerontology Emphasis
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Education
 - K-6 Elementary
 - 4-8 Mid-Level
 - Music (Vocal or Instrumental)
 - Secondary English
 - Secondary Social Studies
- Family Psychology
- Finance
- Health & Physical Education

- Liberal Arts
- Liberal Arts: Nutrition Emphasis
- Marketing
- Psychology

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Arts: Theology

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for a degree, the student must be of good moral character and must fulfill the academic requirements set forth in the respective degree programs. Departmental requirements may exceed the minimum requirements set forth below.

To qualify for an **associate degree**, the candidate must:

1. Satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester hours of approved work
2. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00
3. Complete EN 1113 and EN 1123 with a grade of “C” or better
4. Earn at least 15 semester hours of credit at Williams Baptist University
5. Complete the Intent to Graduate form (See Academics, Intent to Graduate)
6. Pay all account balances in full by the first day of finals of the semester in which the student completes all degree requirements* (Failure to settle account balances as stipulated will result in the failure to graduate. Balances paid by personal check must be paid *two weeks prior* to the first day of finals of the semester that a student completes degree requirements.)

To qualify for a **bachelor’s degree**, the candidate must:

1. Satisfactorily complete at least 120 semester hours of approved work
2. Satisfactorily complete all required upper level work in the student’s major or program of study
3. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00
4. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00** in the major or field or specialization
5. Complete EN 1113 and EN 1123 with a grade of “C” or better and pass the English Proficiency Exam
6. Participate in the required outcomes assessment programs for general education and area of major
7. Complete (with advisor and department chair signatures) and file a degree plan in the Office of the Registrar. This should be done during the first semester of the junior year.
8. Earn at least 32 semester hours of credit at Williams Baptist University. Furthermore, the last 30 hours submitted for a degree must include 24 hours completed at Williams Baptist University. Prior approval of the Academic Dean is required to override this requirement.
9. Complete the Intent to Graduate form (See Academics, Intent to Graduate)
10. Pay all account balances in full by the first day of finals of the semester in which the student completes all degree requirements* (Failure to settle account balances as

stipulated will result in the failure to graduate. Balances paid by personal check must be paid *two weeks prior* to the first day of finals of the semester that a student completes degree requirements.)

**A Letter of Good Standing, final transcript, diploma, etc. will not be issued until all student accounts are settled.*

***Some departments may require a higher GPA.*

To qualify for a **second bachelor's degree**, the candidate must:

1. Satisfactorily complete all degree requirements for both degrees with a minimum of 32 hours beyond the first degree. (Note: Completion of all requirements for the second degree may require more than the additional 32 hours.)
2. Complete all requirements for qualifying the first bachelor's degree as detailed above.

General Education Requirement

Fulfilling its mission to educate, equip, and enrich students to be articulate and contributing members of a global society, Williams requires a general curriculum of arts and sciences. The Williams General Education Program is among the most substantial of its kind. A salient feature of the College's academic culture, the General Education Requirement engages students deeply, thoroughly in ideals and disciplines associated with the liberal arts tradition. Significantly, students progressing through the Williams General Education Requirement will also encounter the essential theological nexus of the University's mission interlaced throughout the various courses in the program and especially in the biblical studies component of the curriculum. Moreover, the General Education Requirement involves a conscious commitment on the University's part to ground all students in those fundamental skills of synthesis, inquiry, written and verbal communication so important for achievement in all of their postgraduate endeavors. Solidly wedded to meaningful content, (great books, important events and individuals, influential ideas) the General Education Requirement is intended also to help students consider and embrace different ways of *knowing* --represented in the substantial course work in various disciplines. Taken together, the General Education Requirement should lead students to a fuller appreciation of their individual God-given and potential and to a heightened sense of responsibility to others and to the larger world.

The General Education Requirement includes humanities, social science, history and religion, natural science, and health and physical education. The General Education Requirement is designed to be completed in the first two years of study. Students should enroll in English Composition I and English Composition II, sequentially, until they pass each course with a grade of "C" or better. Students who have not completed English Composition I and English Composition II before accumulating 60 degree hours must enroll in a composition class until the composition requirements are completed.

Minor

A minor consists of a substantial body of specified course work. Students should consult the appropriate department for details on minor requirements in that area.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Biblical World (6 hrs)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs

The Cultural World (15 hrs)

English Composition I and II	6 hrs
World Literature I or II	3 hrs
Speech Communication	3 hrs
Humanities Elective (choose one)	3 hrs
<i>(Any appreciation course or philosophy)</i>	

The Social World (9 hrs)

American History & Politics	3 hrs
<i>(U.S. History Before 1865, U.S. History Since 1865, or American Govt)</i>	
The West & Global Cultures	3 hrs
<i>(Western Civilization I or II or World Geography)</i>	
Social Sciences	3 hrs
<i>(Sociology, Government, Psychology, or Economics)</i>	

The Natural World (3 hrs)

Physical Education Activity**	2 hrs
Natural Science and Mathematics	10 hrs
<i>(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a lab; Must include one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, excluding MT 3133, MT 4123, GS 3213, and GS 3233; MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if ACT Math score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if ACT Math score is 28 or higher.)</i>	

General Electives	18 hrs
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**Students over the age of 30, veterans, and students with disabilities are exempt from the PE activity requirement except students pursuing a degree in Health & Physical Education or Sports Management, who must consult with the Health & Physical Education Department Chair for course substitution(s).

TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 60 hrs

BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS*

The Biblical World (6 hrs)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs
The Christian Worldview.....	3 hrs

The Cultural World (15 hrs)

English Composition I and II.....	6 hrs
World Literature I or II	3 hrs
Humanities Elective (choose two)	6 hrs
<i>(Any appreciation course, speech communication, or philosophy)</i>	

The Social World (9 hrs)

American History & Politics.....	3 hrs
<i>(U.S. History Before 1865, U.S. History Since 1865, or American Govt)</i>	
The West & Global Cultures.....	3 hrs
<i>(Western Civilization I or II or World Geography)</i>	
Social Sciences.....	3 hrs
<i>(Sociology, Government, Psychology, or Economics)</i>	

The Natural World (14 hrs)

Health and Physical Education**	4 hrs
<i>(One hour must be physical activity)</i>	
Natural Science and Mathematics.....	10 hrs
<i>(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a lab; Must include one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, excluding MT 3133, MT 4123, GS 3213, and GS 3233; MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if ACT Math score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if ACT Math score is 28 or higher.)</i>	

*These general requirements may be modified to meet specific degree requirements. See department sections in this academic catalog for details.

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TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 120 hrs