

# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

## Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

### General

1. A candidate for a degree must have a satisfactory academic record and be of good moral character. In addition, the candidate must possess personal attributes which will reflect well upon Oakwood University. The university reserves the sole and final right to determine whether the candidate possesses such personal attributes.
2. The student is responsible at all times for knowing his or her scholastic standing and for fulfilling all requirements of the university by referring to published academic policies, regulations and standards and by consulting with the appropriate dean, department chair or advisor. It is the student's responsibility to ascertain and meet course requirements, prerequisite requirements, graduation requirements, appropriate course sequencing and any other requirements of the university.

### Quantitative

1. The satisfactory completion of required remedial courses and removal of admission deficiencies. This may add to the total hours required to complete the degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of the general education requirements.
3. The satisfactory completion of a major of at least 36 hours, including a minimum of 16 hours of upper division courses, except in Interdisciplinary Studies.
4. The satisfactory completion of a minor, if required (see individual departments). A minor must be between 18-21 hours, of which 8 hours must be upper division.
5. The satisfactory completion of the oral and written proficiency requirements (English Proficiency Examination and CO 201 Fundamentals of Public Speaking).
6. The satisfactory completion of two upper division writing emphasis courses of at least 2 hours each, one of which must be in the major. A (W) after a course title designates a writing course.
7. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 128 semester hours (remedial credits not included in total credits), including 40 hours at the upper division level and not more than 64 hours total in the major and minor. Remedial courses are not included in the total credits.
8. The satisfactory completion of the major departmental exit examination.

### Qualitative

1. The attainment of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00
2. The attainment of a minimum overall GPA of 2.25 in the major and 2.00 in the minor fields. No grade below C (2.00) may apply toward the major or minor. No grade below D (1.00), or C- (1.70) for EN 111 and EN 112, may apply toward the general education requirements.

### Residence

1. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 32 semester hours, of which 24 semester hours must be during the senior year.
2. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 20 semester hours at the upper division level.
3. The satisfactory completion of 8 upper division hours in the major field.
4. The satisfactory completion of 3 upper division hours in the minor field if a minor is selected.

## The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

The general education requirements are the same as for other B.A. degrees. Instead of a major, three disciplines of 21 hours each are required. Each discipline must include 11 upper division hours and fulfill the requirements for a minor, if offered, and be approved by separate advisors. No more than two disciplines can be from the same department.

## Second Bachelor's Degree

Two different bachelor's degrees may be conferred at the same time if the candidate has met the requirements of both degrees and has completed a total of 160 semester hours of credit. The university does not grant two degrees of the same kind to any one person at the same time, such as two B.A.'s or two B.S.'s. Students may, however, earn a second degree after one degree has been conferred by completing an additional 32 semester credits, meeting the basic degree requirements of both degrees and the requirements of a second major.

## General Education Requirements for all Bachelor's Degrees

All bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 128 semester hours composed of: general education requirements (53-64 hours); major requirements; and electives, as necessary, outside the major. Variations in the total hours required for degree completion or in the general education requirements are noted in the bulletin sections of the appropriate departments. In those instances where the credits for general education, the major, and electives within the major are less than 128 hours, additional electives are required. Please consult the appropriate academic advisor for details.

Orientation ..... 1 hour  
Required: OC 101

Education and Business ..... 5 hours  
Required: ED 250 and IT 120 or IT 203. Students not having passed one year of high school typing must take IT 100 or pass a keyboarding test in the Business & Information Systems Department.

Health and Physical Education ..... 5 hours  
Required: PE 211 and three hours of activity courses

Humanities ..... 15 hours  
Required: EN 111-112 (minimum C-); EN 201 or 211 or 212 or 221 or 301 or 302; AR 217 or MU 200; and CO 201.

Modern Foreign Languages ..... 0-6 hours  
Required of all candidates for the B.A. degree. All other degree candidates may be exempt if they have passed two years of the same foreign language in high school.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics ..... 12 hours  
Required: three hours each in Biology, Mathematics, and Physics or Chemistry; Recommended for nonscience majors: BI 101, MA 101, and PH 101 or CH 100. The remaining three hours elected from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, or Nutrition.

Religion and Theology .....	6-11 hours
Required: RG 202 and RG 301. (HI 314 may substitute for RG 301, but will only receive history credit and requires three other hours of religion.) Students not having passed two years of high school Bible must include RG 101, except transfer students who have completed six hours of college Bible. Requirements for transfer students: freshmen must take 11 hours, sophomores 8 hours, juniors and seniors 6 hours. All transfer students must take RG 202 and RG 301.	
Social Sciences .....	9 hours
Required: HI 103 or 104 or HI 211 or 212; three hours elected from History, Geography, or Political Science; and PY 101, SO 101, or SW 201.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>53-64 hours</b>

### Requirements for Associate Degrees

1. The satisfactory completion of required remedial courses and removal of admission deficiencies. This may add to the total hours required to complete the degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of the general education requirements.
3. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 64 semester hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
4. The attainment of a minimum overall GPA of 2.25 in the major. No grade below C may apply toward the major.
5. A minimum of 24 semester hours in residence at Oakwood University.
6. The satisfactory completion of the major departmental exit examination.
7. A maximum of 32 semester hours in the major.

### General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees

All associate degrees require a minimum of 64 semester hours, composed of: general education requirements (35); major requirements; electives, as required, in the major; and electives, as necessary, outside the major. Variations in the total hours required for degree completion or in the general education requirements are noted in the bulletin sections of the appropriate departments. In those instances where the credits for general education, the major, and electives within the major are less than 64 hours, additional electives are required. Please consult with the appropriate academic advisor for details.

Orientation .....	1 hour
Required: OC 101	
Business .....	3 hours
Required: IT 120 or IT 203. Students not having passed one year of high school typing must take IT 100.	
Health and Physical Education .....	4 hours
Required: PE 211 and two hours of activity courses.	
Humanities .....	9 hours
Required: EN 111-112 (minimum C-) and CO 201.	
Natural Science and Mathematics .....	6 hours
Required: MA 101 and one course from BI 101, CH 100, FS 131, or PH 101. Advanced courses in these areas may be substituted with departmental approval.	

Religion and Theology ..... 6 hours  
Required: RG 102 (RG 101 if student has not taken two years of high school Bible) and RG 202.

Social Sciences ..... 6 hours  
Required: HI 103 or 104 or 211 or 212, and three hours from History, PY 101, SO 101, or SW 201.

**Total ..... 35 hours**

### **Degree Candidacy**

To be eligible to begin the degree candidacy process and participate in spring commencement, a student must have no more than 36 hours to complete in their senior year, including both fall and spring semesters. Students are considered degree candidates when the following have been satisfactorily met:

1. Approval of Application for Graduation and Final Year Schedule through the major advisor to the department chair (September 15), and the Senior Program Coordinator (October 1), for students enrolled during the fall semester.
2. Payment of the required graduation fee of \$203 and \$35 extra for each additional degree by October 15 (\$10 late fee).
3. CLEP, incompletes, and transfer credit results must be in the Records Office by the first business day in March for spring graduation.
4. Enrollment in Home Study courses must be completed by the end of on-campus spring regular registration.

No application for spring graduation will be accepted after February 1.

### **Graduation Diplomas**

Diplomas for degree candidates are ordered for those qualified to participate in the senior presentation program. Diplomas are only issued at Commencement to graduates who have fulfilled all academic and financial obligations with the university.

### **Graduation in Absentia**

All degree candidates are expected to participate in the Commencement exercises. Requests to graduate in absentia must be sent to the Records Office accompanied by a \$40 fee (this is in addition to the \$203 graduation fee).