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At Williams a student may choose any one of the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (Art, Church Music, English, History, Liberal Arts or Music); Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries (Biblical-Theological Studies, Biblical-Linguistic Studies, Health and Physical Education, Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Sports Ministry Studies, and Christian Missions; Associate in Arts-Theology); Bachelor of Science (Art Education, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Elementary Education, English Education, Family Psychology, Finance, Health Studies – Gerontology Emphasis, Health and Physical Education, Instrumental Music Education – K-12, Liberal Arts, Marketing, Middle Level Education, Music Education, Psychology, or Social Studies Education); Associate in Arts.

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 or certificate programs. Departmental requirements may exceed the minimum requirements set forth below.**

Degrees are awarded once each year at the close of the spring semester.

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 Composition 1113 and Composition 1123 with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Earn at least 15 semester hours of credit at Williams Baptist University.
5. Initiate an Intent to Graduate Form (*see Academics, Intent to Graduate*).
6. Full payment of all account balances for candidates for graduation must be made 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 baccalaureate degree the candidate must:

1. Satisfactorily complete at least 123 semester hours of approved work.
2. Satisfactorily complete all required upper level work in the student's major or program of study.
3. Complete Composition 1113 and 1123 with a grade of "C" or better and pass the English Proficiency Examination.
4. Participate in the required outcomes assessment programs for general education and area of major.
5. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00.
6. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 in the major or field of specialization. **
7. Complete an academic major or two concentration blocks if completing a Liberal Arts degree. Courses counted toward completion of requirements in any

major or concentration block may not be counted toward completion of any minor or another major or a second concentration block.

8. Earn at least 32 semester hours of resident credit at Williams. Furthermore, the last 30 hours submitted for a degree must include 24 hours completed in residence. Prior approval of the Academic Dean is required for those hours within the last 30 which will not be earned in residence.
9. Execute and file with the Academic Dean a degree plan. This should be done during the first semester of the junior year.
10. Initiate an Intent to Graduate Form (*see Academics, Intent to Graduate*).
11. Full payment of all account balances for candidates for graduation must be made 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 accounts are settled.**

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

To qualify for a second baccalaureate/major 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 for the first baccalaureate 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 and *God-given* 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.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

New Student Orientation Program1 hour*

(FY1002 First Year Experience – First Year Experience is an introduction to life at Williams Baptist University. This course helps new freshmen discover the various resources available to them across campus. It is intentionally designed to promote new freshmen connection with the heritage and traditions of WBU, development of relationships with fellow students, faculty, and staff, encourage spiritual growth in Christ Jesus, and foster success during and after college life. A final grade of "C" or better is required or the course must be repeated the following semester.

Course Requirements

Humanities - [12 Hours]

Composition 1113 and 11236 hours

World Literature 2213 *or* 22233 hours

Humanities elective (Choose from the following).....3 hours

AR 2143, EN 2213, EN 2223, LG 1143, LG1153, MU 2143, PH 2253, *or* SP 2153

Religion, History, & Social Science - [15 Hours]

Biblical Studies6 hours

U.S. History3 hours

Western Civilization3 hours

Social Science Elective3 hours

(Must be chosen from Economics, Government, Psychology, *or* Sociology)

Natural Science - [10 Hours]10 hours

Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. (MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19.)

Physical Education Activity2 hours

(Veterans are exempt)

General Electives.....20/21 hours

TOTAL **60-61 HOURS**

**This applies to all first-time fall freshmen.*

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

Course Requirements

New Student Orientation Program.....1 hour*

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Humanities - [21 Hours]

Composition 1113 and 11236 hours

World Literature 2213 and 2223.....6 hours

Humanities elective (Choose from two of the following)6 hours

Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Theatre Appreciation, *or* Intro to Philosophy

Speech and Communication3 hours

Religion, History, and Social Science - [18 Hours]

Bible History and Interpretation6 hours

U.S. History3 hours

Western Civilization3 hours

Social Science (Choose from two of the following).....6 hours

Sociology, Government, Psychology, *or* Economics

Natural Science - [10 hours].....10 hours

Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. (MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19.)

Health & Physical Education - [4 hours]**.....4 hours

Physical Education (Minimum of 2 hrs. activity***)

TOTAL 53-54 HOURS

**This applies to all first-time fall semester freshmen.*

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

****Students over the age of 30 are exempt from the activity requirement except students pursuing a degree in education.*

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.