Degree and Graduation Requirements

Literacy Requirement

Each student must demonstrate satisfactory English language ability. Such ability is demonstrated by the completion of EH 101 and 102 or their equivalent at the level of C or better, or by satisfactory performance on examinations administered for the English department by the Office of Student Life.

In addition, on recommendation of any University College faculty member and a special committee of the Department of English or of the dean of the School of Humanities, any student, except one enrolled in Freshmen English, who is found to be noticeably deficient in the writing of English, may be required to take remedial work in English. Fulfillment of this requirement shall be a condition of graduation.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

To earn a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree in University College, a student must satisfy the core requirements described in this section. Since some programs restrict the selections available in certain areas, students are advised to refer to the specific program outlines before enrolling for courses intended toward satisfaction of the general degree requirements.

Humanities Area

Each student must take a minimum of 18 semester hours in the humanities. Requirements include 6 hours in Freshmen English and 6 hours in literature in English. The remaining 6 hours must be chosen from one or more other areas of the humanities. (First and second level courses of a foreign language, for example, SPA 101 and 102, cannot be used to fulfill the general degree requirement for 6 hours in humanities areas other than English. A student choosing to take courses in foreign language to complete this 6 hour requirement must complete the fourth level course. If more than 6 hours are thereby earned, the additional credit may count as free elective credit.)

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Area

A minimum of 12 semester hours must be earned in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Requirements include one physical science course (with prefix AST, CH, ES, PHS, or PHI) and one biological science course (with prefix ENV). At least one of these two courses must have an associated laboratory. No more than one course in environmental science (with prefix ENV) and no course numbered 000-099 can be applied.

Social and Behavioral Sciences Area

A minimum of 12 semester hours must be earned in social and behavioral sciences distributed among at least two of the following areas: Anthropology, criminal justice, economics, history, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, and urban studies.

MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Every candidate for a bachelor's degree must register for and complete the requirements for one major and one minor subject of specialization (as required by the school). No later than the third term of the sophomore year, students must select a major and minor and must be officially working with the head of the select a major or minor, students must have the approval of the head of the area of study in which they wish to major. They must complete at least 24 hours in their major field and at least 18 hours in their minor field according to the particular requirements of their school.

Students Undecided About Majors

Freshmen and sophomores who have not selected their academic major should consult the Counseling Service for assistance. Academic advising and career counseling are recommended before the completion of the general degree requirements (approximately 42 semester hours). Consult: Counseling and Referent Services, 101 Campbell Hall. Telephone (205) 934-5065.

SPECIAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

UAB awards the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in certain major programs of study encompassing two or more departments of University College. Two options are available.

1. Interdepartmental Majors and Minors: The requirements for the degree are specified in the same manner as regular departmental majors and minors.

2. Individually-Designed Majors and Minors: Students with specific career objectives may, with the cooperation and approval of the departments concerned, design majors and minors suited to individual needs. Such individually-designed programs require completion of the general degree requirements, a minimum of 40 semester hours in the major, of which at least 20 hours must be in courses for advanced undergraduates, and approval of the dean of the appropriate University College school. Consult UAB Special Studies for counseling in program structure and approval. Telephone 934-3290.