

Program of Study

The Lewis & Clark curriculum is planned on a model in which students normally take four 4-credit courses each semester. The academic year consists of two 15-week semesters.³ The standard course at the College of Arts and Sciences is assigned 4 credits, and meets in class for three or more hours each week. Students should expect to spend an average of two hours outside of class preparing for each hour in class. The average student course load is 16 credits per semester.

The well-educated student knows how to write and speak clearly and effectively. Lewis & Clark's entire faculty shares the responsibility for instruction in these skills. Students therefore encounter significant writing requirements in a range of courses across the entire curriculum and, where appropriate, are encouraged to present their ideas orally in the classroom and in other public forums (such as senior thesis presentations to faculty and students).

Graduation Requirements

Undergraduate work at Lewis & Clark leads to the bachelor of arts degree. The basic requirements for the degree are as follows:⁴

- Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 128 semester credits. A maximum of 60 semester credits in one academic department may be included in the 128 credits required for graduation.
- Academic residency, defined as 60 semester credits taken at Lewis & Clark, including at least 28 of the final 32 semester credits.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or higher.
- Satisfactory completion of the General Education requirements. (See details in following sections.)
- Satisfactory completion of a major program approved by the chair of the appropriate department or by the Curriculum Subcommittee on Petitions, Appeals, and Student-Designed Majors. Students are required to complete at least 20 semester credits of coursework offered by the major department at Lewis & Clark.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or higher in all majors and minors.

General Education Requirements

Lewis & Clark's General Education requirements consist of the core course, Exploration and Discovery, described below, and other courses in the areas of international studies, scientific and quantitative reasoning, creative arts, foreign languages, and physical education/activity. In addition, content-area courses require students to demonstrate skills involving writing/rhetoric, bibliographic knowledge, and information/electronic competency.

³ Also offered are two optional six-week summer sessions in which full semester courses are provided in an intensive format. Students may earn up to 9 credits per session.

⁴ Graduation requirements in this catalog apply to students entering Lewis & Clark in fall 2010 or later. Other students are subject to the requirements in effect when they entered and should refer to the appropriate catalog.