

# DEGREES AND REQUIREMENTS

Morningside College confers four baccalaureate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Music Education.

For a Bachelor of Arts degree, no more than 40 credits may be required for the major. For a Bachelor of Science degree, no more than 56 credits may be required for the major. In the major no more than 36 credits can be from one prefix, and no more than 52 credits from two prefixes. The major in the Bachelor of Science must include courses to fulfill the empirical reasoning and quantitative reasoning requirements.

No more than 52 credits in a prefix will count toward the 124 credit graduation requirement. Any additional credits will extend the 124 credit graduation requirement.

A minimum of 124 credits is required for completion of the baccalaureate degree. These credits include the general studies, the requirements for a major, and in many cases, requirements for a minor and electives.

# General Studies Requirements for Bachelor Degrees:

Critical Inquiry and Communication (MORN 102).....	4
Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 212 or MATH 150) .....	4
May Term.....	4
Ethical Reasoning and Application .....	4
Integrative Experience .....	4
Fine and Communicative Arts <sup>1,5</sup> – 2 courses.....	2-8
Humanities <sup>2,5</sup> – 2 courses .....	4-8
Science and Mathematics <sup>3,5</sup> – 2 courses.....	4-8
Social Sciences <sup>4,5</sup> – 2 courses.....	4-8
Capstone course .....	2-12

<sup>1</sup>Fine and Communicative Arts courses include classes from prefixes: ART, COMM, CWRT, DANC, MUAL, MUSC, MUEN, MUED, MUTC, MUHL, THTR

<sup>2</sup>Humanities courses include classes from prefixes: CULT, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, RELG, RHET, SPAN

<sup>3</sup>Science and mathematics courses include classes from prefixes: AGRI, BIOL, CHEM, CSCI, MATH, PHYS

<sup>4</sup>Social Sciences courses include classes from prefixes: ECON, GEOG, POLS, SOCI, and PSYC

<sup>5</sup>Students may double count these courses with courses for the major and/or minor.

## Distribution Requirements

### ETHICAL REASONING AND APPLICATION

Complete one from the following:

BIOL 251	Genetics
BUSN 130	Introduction to Business Leadership
BUSN 341	Principles of Marketing
COMM 101	Introduction to Mass Communication
ENGL 132	Literature and Society
ENGL 243	American Minorities Literature
ENGL 245	Women and Literature
ENGL 251	American Literature and Culture
NURS 308	Nursing Care of the Aging Population
PHIL 100	The Examined Life
PHIL 101	Philosophy for Living
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 115	Philosophy, Zombies, and the Undead
PHIL 205	The Philosophical Athlete
PHIL 212	Philosophy of Sex, Love, and Friendship
PHIL 217	Money and Morality
PHIL 303	Applied and Professional Ethics
POLS 288	Principles of Politics
RELG 200	Christian Ethics
RHET 215	Writing in Professional Settings

### INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE

Complete one from the following:

AGRI 322	Environmental Politics & Policy
BIOL 322	The Science of Climate Change
BIOL 354	Principles of Sustainability
BUSN 332	Organizational Behavior and Communications
BUSN 364	Contemporary Leadership and Ethics
COMM 338	Masculinity and the Media

CULT 335	U.S. Latino Cultures
ENGL 345	Studies of a Literary Genre
NSCI 341	Science and Pseudoscience
NURS 313	Nursing Care of the Family
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Religion
POLS 322	Environmental Politics & Policy
PSYC 317	Intimate Relationships
PSYC 333	Cognitive Psychology and Lab
PSYC 344	Introduction to Behavior Modification
PSYC 405	Gender and Sexuality
RELG 328	Death and Immortality
RELG 362	Philosophy of Religion
SOCI 315	Sociology of Gender: Beyond Pink and Blue
TESL 337	Culturally Inclusive

## Other Requirements for the Baccalaureate Degree

### MAY TERM COURSES

Students are required to complete at least one May Term course in order to graduate from Morningside College. Students who spend one semester or summer session studying abroad will be considered to have satisfied the May Term requirement. May Term courses are designed to be innovative or experiential and are not offered during any other term. These courses lend themselves to experiential learning, but are not limited to this approach. May Term allows faculty to design courses that they could not otherwise offer, and it allows students to take at least one course simply for the sake of the love of learning during their time at Morningside. Travel may be a significant component of some courses offered in the May Term.

May Term courses are offered in an approximately three-week period immediately after Commencement. All May Term courses are four-credit courses and classes may meet for a variable amount of time each day. May Term courses may not be audited. May Term courses will be graded Pass/Fail. Students who are enrolled in the preceding Spring Term may enroll in one May Term course for no tuition. For the one required May Term, there are no additional charges for rooms if the student is already living in a campus residence hall. For additional May Terms the student will be responsible for tuition and room charges. Students are responsible for their board costs during the May Term. If a May Term involves travel, students are responsible for the cost of the travel.

For additional on-campus May Terms the student will be responsible for tuition and room and board charges. If a May Term involves travel, students are responsible for the cost of the travel. Students participating in a second May Term that involves travel may elect not to register for course credit, and in that case will not be charged tuition.

### WRITTEN/ORAL REQUIREMENT

To earn a bachelor's degree, students must receive the departmental writing and oral endorsement in their major department. See departmental offerings for the departmental criteria. A student who majors in more than one area must fulfill the endorsement in only one major. A student with a student designed interdisciplinary major may fulfill the endorsement in one of the disciplines making up the major, preferably that discipline in which the largest number of credits was earned.

### GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum cumulative average of 2.0 and minimum averages of 2.0 in the major and minor are required for graduation. A grade of C- (1.7) or better is required in all courses to count for the major or minor. Some state and national accrediting agencies require some departments to have higher minimum standards. The student should consult the department for major/minor requirements.

## UPPER-LEVEL STUDY REQUIREMENT

Of the 124 credits required for graduation, a minimum of forty (40) credits in courses at the 300-or 400-level is required.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

A student must successfully complete at least 30 credits at Morningside College to qualify for a baccalaureate degree. At least 12 of the last 16 credits must be completed at Morningside College. Study abroad programs are exempt from the 16-credit requirement.

## GRADUATION

Prospective graduates must take part in the commencement ceremony, attired in appropriate academic regalia, unless excused by the Provost. The graduation fee is required whether the student participates in the graduation ceremony or not. Attendance at baccalaureate is not required.

Students that will be invited to participate in the commencement ceremonies will include: (1) students who have completed degree requirements since the last commencement ceremony and were not previously invited to participate; (2) students who are in good academic standing and who, by February 15, have officially declared their intent to graduate following the upcoming summer session, and (3) students who, following the spring semester, will have all graduation requirements completed except a May Term and/or 1 course to be completed during the upcoming summer session. Students participating in graduation ceremonies before finishing all requirements will be designated as such in the commencement program. For questions about this policy, contact the Registrar's Office.

Upon graduation the diploma will be held if there are financial obligations to the College. All graduates will receive a complimentary unofficial copy of his/her transcript.

# THE MAJORS AND MINORS

In addition to meeting the general studies requirements and other requirements for a bachelor's degree, students must complete a major. Students may elect to complete a minor but are not required to do so.

## Student Designed Interdisciplinary Major (B.S. degree)

For students whose academic interest does not coincide with a single department or discipline, the student designed interdisciplinary major offers an exciting alternative. This program consists of 52-56 credits taken in three or more disciplines. No more than 20 credits from any single discipline will count toward the major. At least 24 credits of the courses taken in the major must be numbered 300 or above. The student may choose his or her own pattern of concentration, putting together a group of courses linked by a coherent strand of meaning identified by the student and his or her faculty advocate.

The student designed interdisciplinary major is to be contracted before 36 credits of the course work for the proposed major are completed. Such a major is designed by the student with the advice of a faculty advocate. The proposed major must be approved by the Curriculum Policies and Assessment Committee and the faculty. The student must fulfill all other requirements for the degree, including the distribution requirements and flags, and the writing proficiency.

## Double Majors/Double Degrees

A student who wishes to complete full majors in two areas of study will indicate one as the primary major. The primary major will determine the degree the student will earn (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, etc.) Both majors, however, will be noted on the student's transcript. Students who have declared two majors who wish to earn two different degrees simultaneously, must

complete no fewer than 160 credits. The majors for the two degrees must belong to different degree programs (B.A. or B.S., etc.), rather than be two majors which would complete the same degree (either a B.A. or B.S.). Consult the list of majors and degree programs elsewhere in this catalog for degree information.

Second Baccalaureate Degree Students who wish to earn a second baccalaureate degree at Morningside College must complete a minimum of 30 additional credits in residence, at least 15 of which must be in the new major. The second degree must be in a field or major different from the one first earned, and the first degree must have been awarded by a regionally accredited institution.

Second-degree students must complete all Morningside degree requirements, including those of the new major, and must maintain good academic standing and the grade point average standards required of all undergraduate students.

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

### **Student Responsibility**

Students must be familiar with the academic guidelines and regulations of the college. While the college makes every effort to advise and counsel students on their academic programs and degree requirements, the student is ultimately responsible for fulfilling all requirements for a degree. To help students enact their responsibility, all academic plans and programs must be approved by a student's academic adviser.

The Registrar applies and interprets academic regulations, often in consultation with the Provost. The Academic Standards Committee of the faculty hears petitions and appeals of students concerning academic requirements and regulations.

### **Catalog Regulations**

A student may graduate only by meeting graduation requirements from a catalog which is current or was in effect during the seven years preceding his or her graduation, provided that the catalog date does not precede the student's original date of entry.

The college or academic department may request substitution of courses when requirements for degrees have changed or when courses have been dropped from the curriculum. Students may be requested to change to a new program when major changes have been made, but adequate provisions for students to complete the new program on time will be provided.

Former students returning to a degree program at Morningside after a considerable period of time should consult with the Registrar concerning applicable degree and major requirements. In general, courses in science or mathematics taken more than ten years ago may not be applied to a current degree.

### **Declaration of Major and Intent to Graduate**

All students must file with the Registrar a declaration stating the major and degree sought. New first year students may officially declare a major after one semester of attendance. Transfer students may declare a major upon matriculation. All students are strongly encouraged to declare a major no later than their third semester or after they have earned 30 credits. Students who are still undecided after 30 credits should work with the Vice President for Advising to identify possible majors. Students should also declare with the Registrar's Office their intent to graduate. The final date to declare an intent to graduate is listed on the academic calendar each semester, but students are encouraged to make this declaration when they reach senior status.