

# Graduation Requirements

The ultimate responsibility for fulfilling graduation requirements rests with the individual student. Undergraduate students should regularly review their academic information with their faculty advisors to make certain that requirements for degrees are being met. Students become candidates for degree conferral upon the filing of a completed Graduation Application with the Registrar's Office. Students can track their graduation progress using My Progress in Student Planning. (See [Graduation & Degree Conferral](#) section for more information including graduation application due dates. See [Honors](#) for more information on Latin Honors criteria).

- Cumulative GPA: 2.000 or higher is required (minimum). \*Note: some major programs require a higher cumulative GPA. See specific program pages for more information.
- Total Credits Required: 120 completed credits (minimum) are required for the baccalaureate degree. \*Note: some major programs require more than 120 credits. See specific program pages for more information.
- Thirty of the last 45 credit hours must be completed in residence (as Sage institutional credits).
- General Education: Students must satisfy all [General Education](#) requirements. \*Note: Second degree bachelor's students are exempt from general education requirements.
- Major Requirements: in order to earn a bachelor's degree, students must successfully complete a major program of study.
  - GPA in Major: 2.200 or higher (minimum) is required for all courses required in major, including required support courses. \*Note: some major programs require a higher major GPA. See specific program pages for more information.
  - Students must complete at least one half of the major requirements at Sage (as Sage institutional credits). \*Note: for transfer students this may mean taking additional courses in the major department to ensure 1/2 of major is completed at Sage.
  - The determination of standards of performance acceptable for continuance in a major is the responsibility of the appropriate academic department and the Dean of the College.
- Liberal Arts & Sciences Requirement: in order to earn a bachelor's degree students must successfully complete [liberal arts & sciences](#) courses.
  - Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) must include a minimum of 90 credit hours in the liberal arts and sciences.
  - Bachelor of Science degree (BS) must include a minimum of 60 credit hours in the liberal arts and sciences.
  - Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) must include a minimum of 30 credit hours in the liberal arts and sciences.
  - Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (BFA) must include a minimum of 30 credit hours in the liberal arts and sciences.
  - Bachelor of Professional Studies degree (BPS) must include a minimum of 30 credit hours in the liberal arts and sciences.

## Second Bachelor's Degree

A maximum of 75 previously completed credit hours is applicable toward the baccalaureate degree at Russell Sage College. Second degree students must complete a minimum of 45 new institutional credit hours at Russell Sage College, including at least one-half the major field requirement. A second bachelor's degree may not be permitted when there is substantial course overlap between the first degree and the second degree.

Second degree students possessing an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in the United States are exempt from all general education requirements. Those holding bachelor's degree from international institutions may appeal to the Academic Dean for a waiver of all or a portion of general education requirements.