

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

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General Degree Requirements

Students seeking an initial or second bachelor's degree at Fort Lewis College must meet all the general curricular and academic achievement requirements listed in this section as well as the specific requirements for each component of the degree. Exceptions to curriculum requirements may be made through the Exceptions to Graduation Requirements process. Candidates must apply for graduation. See Registrar's Office website for specific details. Those approved for graduation may participate in that semester's commencement ceremonies.

Requirements for Candidates Seeking Initial Bachelor's Degree

Each candidate for a first bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 120 credits (additional credits are required in selected majors). Among the minimum 120 credits required for the degree, a minimum of 36 credits must be upper-division (300- and 400-level) courses.

All curricular requirements for the Liberal Arts Core and major must be met. Many students choose to use free electives to complete the requirements for a minor or teacher licensure.

Students must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 and a minimum grade point average of 2.00 for those courses accepted to meet the requirements for the major and minor course of study.

Liberal Arts Core

The Liberal Arts Core section of the Catalog of Courses details the requirements for this element of the degree. All candidates must complete these requirements as listed, with the exception of those who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a Colorado public community/junior college.

Students transferring from out-of-state institutions who have earned an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree may be eligible for the Liberal Arts Core exception as approved by the Coordinator of General Education. A list of institutions which have been previously reviewed and approved / not approved may be found in the catalog.

Major

Each student seeking a baccalaureate degree must select a major area of study for specialization. For a complete list of majors and descriptions, see the Majors section of the Catalog of Courses.

Double Major

A double major is defined as completing the requirements of two different majors simultaneously, resulting in the awarding of either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. Students pursuing a double major are subject to exclusions listed in the Catalog of Courses under Mutually Exclusive Programs.

Students with double majors under the same degree program will receive one diploma for their degree and both majors will be listed. The student's transcript will indicate they have fulfilled the course requirements for both majors in the same degree program. A student may have a maximum of two declared majors at any given time.

Dual Degree

A dual degree is defined as completing the requirements of two different majors simultaneously, resulting in the awarding of both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. Students pursuing a dual degree are subject to exclusions listed in the Catalog of Courses under Mutually Exclusive Programs

Students with dual degrees will receive two diplomas, one for their B.A. major and one for their B.S. major. The student's transcript will indicate they have fulfilled the course requirements for both majors under each degree program. A student may have a maximum of two declared majors at any given time.

Minors

Minors, though not required, are offered. Requirements for each minor are described in the Minors section of the Catalog of Courses. If a student is pursuing award of a minor as part of their baccalaureate degree program, the curriculum requirements must be completed prior to the award of the degree. There are restrictions regarding which minors may be taken in combination with specific majors. These are listed in exclusions in the Catalog of Courses.

Requirements for Candidates Seeking a Second Bachelor's Degree

Students who have earned a first bachelor's degree at a regionally accredited institution (including Fort Lewis College) may pursue a second bachelor's degree. Each candidate for a second bachelor's degree holding a bachelor's from any institution other than FLC must complete a minimum of 30 credits in residence at FLC.

All curricular requirements for the Liberal Arts Core must be met unless the candidate has an earned Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. All curricular requirements for a major field of study must be met. Students who have previously completed a minor while attending any institution (including Fort Lewis College) may select that field of study for a major. Students may pursue a double major or dual degree, subject to the conditions outlined earlier in this section.

Students must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 and a minimum grade point average of 2.00 for those courses accepted to meet the requirements for the major and minor course of study.

Responsibilities:

For oversight of the policy: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

For procedures for implementing policy: College Registrar

For enforcement of the policy: College Registrar

Cross-Referenced Policies:

[Degree Conferral Policy – Undergraduate](#)

[Change of Major](#)

Review and Revision History:

This policy was revised and reviewed in February of 2026 to update the Definition for Double Major and add a definition for a Dual Degree.