

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

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separate programs, and are subject to exclusions approved by departments listed in the Catalog of Courses. There is no limit to courses common to both majors.

If both majors are within a single bachelor's degree: either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) the student will receive one degree (BA or BS) and both majors will be listed on the diploma. The student's transcript will indicate they have fulfilled the course requirements for both majors.

If the two majors are in separate bachelor's degrees: one within a Bachelor of Arts and one within a Bachelor of Science, the student must indicate on their application for graduation which is their primary major. The student will be issued a diploma that reflects their primary major. Once the student is approved to graduate, the primary major cannot be changed. The student's transcript will indicate they have fulfilled the course requirements for both degrees and majors.

In the case where a student would like a second piece of paper (diploma) to reflect the secondary degree, they may use the diploma replacement process to request a second diploma at their expense.

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.