

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES

## Requirements

All students completing a first bachelor's degree at Seattle Pacific University are governed by the following requirements:

- A minimum of 180 college-level quarter credits.
- At least 60 credits earned in upper-division (UD) courses (those numbered 3000–4999), including at least 23 in the major.
- At least 45 college-level credits earned in residence as a matriculated student, including at least 15 in the major and 10 in a minor. (Credits earned through Credit by Examination (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/credit-examination/>) at SPU do not satisfy the residence requirement.)
- At least 25 of your final 45 credits for the degree must be earned through SPU, with the exception of approved study abroad (<http://studyabroad.spu.edu/>) credits.
- Satisfactory completion of your academic major (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/major-minor-curriculums/>).
  - Students completing the BA in Honors Liberal Arts major must satisfactorily complete a second major.
- Completion of all general education common curriculum requirements (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/common-curriculum/>) and all general education exploratory curriculum requirements (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/>).
- Demonstration of competency in a foreign language, either through coursework or one of the means outlined under Foreign Language Competency (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/foreign-language-competency/>).
- Completion of the “W” requirement (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/w-requirement/>). This requirement is different than and separate from the Academic Inquiry and Writing requirement.
- Completion of the Cultural Understanding and Engagement (CUE) requirement (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/cue-requirement/>).
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all courses applicable to the degree.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all college-level courses taken at SPU.
- Transfer credit policies (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/transfer-credit-overview/#transfercreditpolicies>) are found in the Admissions section of this catalog.
- You may not take courses concurrently from SPU and another institution during the regular academic year (Autumn through Spring quarters) unless participating in an approved study abroad program.
- “Pass” grades do not fulfill requirements in the major or minor, in the General Education curriculum (except UCOL 1000 University Colloquium), or in the Honors curriculum.
- All degree requirements for a major or minor are determined by the Undergraduate Catalog in effect when you are accepted to the major or minor.
  - For example, if you are accepted to a major in Autumn Quarter 2024, you are subject to all major requirements listed in the 2024–2025 Undergraduate Catalog.
- Most new students, both high school traditional and transfer, are admitted to a major along with admission to the University, since most SPU majors are open enrollment majors.
- If not in an open enrollment major, or if seeking a second major, students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are eligible based on that major's admission policies and procedures.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major or minor; however, some programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses or in all courses.
- You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade. (Exceptions to this policy included UFDN, WRI, and UCOR courses, which may be repeated until a sufficiently high grade is earned.)
- You may not repeat a course in which you earned a grade of A, except in courses designated as repeatable for credit.
- Major and minor applications (<https://banweb-ssu.spu.edu/ssomanager/c/SSB/>) are available online in Banner within the UG Degree Checklist, in most cases.
- The quarter in which you complete your final degree requirements will be listed as your quarter of graduation.
- The official record of your degree completion is the official SPU academic transcript.
- Certain limitations on credit (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/limitations-credit-applicable-toward-degree/>) toward a degree apply.

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- With the exception of courses from pre-approved study abroad programs, no more than 30 credits may be earned from another institution after a student has matriculated at SPU.
- You must gain pre-approval for transfer credit from an academic counselor before enrolling at any other institution.