

Graduation Requirements

Candidates qualifying for an undergraduate degree must complete successfully a minimum of 124 credit hours of coursework. The six-year Doctor of Pharmacy Program (Pharm.D.) of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences requires 200 credit hours.

Drake University accepts up to 66 credit hours of college-level transfer credit applicable to an associate degree from an accredited community or two-year college as any part of the first 94 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree (except pharmacy; see College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences section), subject to the requirements of the individual colleges and schools. Transfer students, regardless of the type of institution from which they transfer, must successfully complete their last 30 hours in residence at Drake University to satisfy degree requirements.

Candidates for undergraduate degrees must complete successfully a minimum of 30 credit hours in residence classes on the Drake campus. All Drake University colleges and schools require the last 30 hours of a degree to be completed in residence. Candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) degree regularly employed as teachers may take some of the last 30 hours in extension classes. However, candidates for the BSE degree must complete their final 15 hours in classes on the Drake campus.

The College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Public Administration and School of Journalism and Mass Communication provide the option of earning two undergraduate majors (a double major) in any one of these colleges/schools. With early and careful planning, a student can complete one of many double majors in one college or school within the 124 credit-hour minimum.

Students may earn a second major outside their college or school. More than 124 credit hours usually are necessary to complete both majors in the two colleges/schools. For more information, consult the associate or assistant dean of the appropriate college or school.

A cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 (equivalent of "C") is required for all Drake University work attempted for a degree, including major department work, departmental courses and the combined departmental and related courses. A transfer student must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 on all work attempted at Drake University.

Additional graduation requirements may be found in the individual college/school Web sites. Graduation requirements of the Law School and the School of Education may be obtained by writing to the respective deans.

SENIORS TAKING GRADUATE WORK

Seniors in their last two semesters of undergraduate study have the possibility of taking graduate work to round out a partial enrollment that completes all undergraduate requirements. See the Graduate Catalog for further information.

SECOND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Undergraduates earning two or more bachelors degrees concurrently need to successfully complete the requirements for each degree and major. The total credit minimum is 124 (excluding Doctor of Pharmacy degree).

Furthermore, the Drake graduate who returns for a second undergraduate degree must complete requirements for the second major/degree; this student does not need to complete Drake Curriculum general education requirements and has no minimum number of credits required.

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the non-Drake graduate who applies for a second undergraduate degree. The student must meet the Drake Curriculum requirements and requirements for the new degree/major.