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Academic Degree Requirements

An undergraduate education at The University of Texas at Dallas is designed with several goals in mind. First, the purpose of an undergraduate education is to acquaint students with ways of knowing the world of the natural sciences, mathematics, arts, humanities, and social and behavioral sciences. Therefore, all students are required to complete a Core Curriculum consisting of 42 semester credit hours. Secondly, students are expected to acquire depth in a field of study. To this end, students must fulfill the major and related requirements of a specified number of semester credit hours for their major. Thirdly, students are encouraged to take courses outside their major and related field and beyond the Core Curriculum, and thus students are given free and advanced elective hours in which to explore intellectual domains beyond their area of specialization and beyond the core requirements.

To graduate with a baccalaureate degree from The University of Texas at Dallas, students must complete and receive credit for all graduation requirements stated in "[Graduation Requirements](#)" as well as specific degree requirements.

The student is responsible for fulfilling the degree requirements and enrolling for courses appropriate to his or her degree program. The student should have completed at the lower-division all freshman and sophomore prerequisites for the degree program. These requirements are set by the degree program and are listed under the program heading in the catalog; the number of semester hours may vary according to degree program. Students who are Texas residents should be aware that state law limits the number of semester credit hours that an undergraduate Texas resident may complete while paying tuition at the rate provided for Texas residents. See the section on [Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours](#).