

# COLLEGE-WIDE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Only those students who have been formally admitted to the College through the general admissions process are considered to be degree candidates.

No student may graduate under college-wide requirements obsolete more than 10 years.

The following are the degree requirements for students who entered the College as freshmen in the Fall of 1993 and after and for students who entered as transfers in the Fall of 1994 and after.

## Completion Of 120 Academic Credits Completion Of The General Education Program <sup>1</sup> Completion Of a Minimum Number Of Liberal Arts Credits

- 90 for the Bachelor of Arts degree
- 60 for the Bachelor of Science degree
- 30 for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree
- 48 for the Bachelor of Science in Art Education degree

Most courses offered by the College are liberal arts courses. Liberal arts courses are designated in the Schedule of Classes with an "LA". Courses which are technical or skill oriented are called "Non-liberal Arts" courses and have no designation in the Schedule of Classes. Transfer credits, which are evaluated as liberal arts, are applied to this requirement.

## Completion Of a Minimum Of 45 Credits Of Upper Division Courses

Any course at the 300 or 400 level satisfies this requirement. The course level number is the first number in the alpha/numeric code. For example, ECO303, a 300-level course in Money and Banking, is listed in the Schedule of Classes as ECO303. The three letters denote the department; the three numbers are the course code. Freshmen may take only lower division courses, unless they are placed into an upper division course due to proficiency. Transfer credits, which are evaluated as upper division, are applied to this requirement.

## Completion Of a Minimum Of 30 Credits In Residence. Of These 30 Credits, The Final 15 Must Be In Residence

Work taken "in residence" comprises courses offered by SUNY New Paltz or in an overseas program sponsored by SUNY New Paltz or any SUNY-funded overseas program. Residential credit also includes:

- Courses taken while enrolled as a non-matriculated student at the College;
- SUNY New Paltz courses offered at locations other than the main campus;
- New Paltz courses offered online.

Credits that do not count toward the College's residency requirement include:

- Transfer credits;
- Credit earned through examination;
- Online courses taken elsewhere, including courses taken through Open SUNY. These are considered transfer credits.

## Completion Of Academic Major Requirements

Students will be expected to fulfill the major requirements that are in effect at the date of the declaration or redeclaration of their major. One-

half of the major credits must be taken in residence, as defined above. See also Progress Towards Degree ([http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/policies/policies\\_progress.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/policies/policies_progress.html)), "Degree Time Limitation" section.

## A Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Of C (2.00 On a 4.00 Grading Scale)

For information on how to compute a cumulative average, see the GPA section ([http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/policies\\_gpa.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/policies_gpa.html)) of Academic Policies & Procedures.

## A Writing Intensive Course Taught At New Paltz

This applies to all New Paltz students, including transfer students, except those who are pursuing a second Bachelors degree.

- <sup>1</sup> Students who leave New Paltz and are readmitted within six semesters of their departure will continue under the general education requirements which were in effect upon their departure. Students who are readmitted after a six-semester absence will be under the general education requirements that are current upon their readmission. Students who are readmitted after a dismissal will be subject to the general education requirements in effect upon their readmission.