

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ **Minimum GPA requirement (valid only for students matriculating Fall 2004 and later).** In order to graduate a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 1.67.
- ◆ **Major.** A major must be declared by the time a student has earned 56 hours. This normally occurs in a student's fourth semester.
- ◆ **112 credit hours (exclusive of Winter Term credits) subject to the following distribution rules:**
  - **84-Hour Rule.** No more than 84 credit hours may be earned from courses in a single division of the College of Arts and Sciences. Therefore, *at least 28 credit hours must be earned from courses outside the division in which a student earns the highest number of credits.* In addition, *no more than five hours of credit from ExCo courses* may be applied to this 28-credit minimum.
  - **56-Hour Rule.** No more than 56 credit hours may be earned from courses in a single department or program. That is, at least 56 credit hours must be earned from courses outside a single department or program.
  - **9-9-9 Distribution Rule.** At least nine credit hours are required in each of the three divisions of the College of Arts and Sciences (Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics), taken from at least two departments or programs within each of these divisions.
  - **Cultural Diversity Requirement.** At least nine credit hours of courses dealing with cultural diversity, including foreign language, taken from at least two departments or programs. Such courses are designated CD in the Course Catalog.
  - **Residency.** At least four semesters of residence at Oberlin or on an Oberlin College program, completing at least 56 hours of College work. Exception: 3-2 Engineering.
- ◆ **Three Winter Term Credits.** (Transfer students must earn one credit in each Winter Term during their enrollment at Oberlin, up to a maximum of three.) Exceptions to completion of this requirement during January are rare and must be granted by the Dean of Studies.
- ◆ **Proficiency Requirements:**
  - **Writing Requirement.** The writing requirement applies to all students in the College of Arts and Sciences. The requirement also applies to all transfer students and double-degree students. Students changing divisions from Conservatory to College or becoming double-degree candidates are also subject to the requirement. The Rhetoric and Composition Program administers the requirement.

The writing requirement is usually satisfied in either of the following ways: 1) by a score of 710 or better on the SAT II Writing Test or by a score of 5 on the English Language/Composition or Literature/Composition Advanced Placement Examination; or 2) by certification of proficiency in writing from two different Oberlin College instructors who have taught the student in specially designated "writing intensive" or writing certification" courses in two different departments or programs. One of these may be a private reading course or a Winter Term course (by approval of the Rhetoric and Composition Program Director). *For the complete policy statement, including information about transfer credits to fulfill this requirement, see the Rhetoric and Composition section of the Course Catalog.*
  - **Quantitative Proficiency.** All students entering the College of Arts and Sciences and all students who change divisions from the Conservatory to the College or become double-degree students must earn Quantitative Proficiency Certification for the B.A. degree. The Quantitative Proficiency Committee administers this graduation requirement. Students

may satisfy the quantitative proficiency requirement in any of the following three ways: 1) by earning credit in a course designated "Quantitative Proficiency Certification – Full"; or 2) by certification of quantitative proficiency from the Oberlin College instructors who taught the student in any two of the courses that are designated "Quantitative Proficiency Certification – Half." (One of these courses may, by approval of the Quantitative Proficiency Committee, be a private reading course or a Winter Term project) or 3) by a score of 4 or 5 on either the AB or BC Advanced Placement Calculus Examination, by a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Chemistry Examination, by a score of 4 or 5 on either the B or C (Mechanics) Advanced Placement Examination in Physics, by a score of 5 on the C (Electricity and Magnetism) Advanced Placement Examination in Physics, by a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the A or AB Advanced Placement Computer Science Examination, or by a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Statistics Examination. A passing grade in a course designated "Quantitative Proficiency Certification – Full" automatically results in certification of quantitative proficiency. Progress toward certification in a course designated "Quantitative Proficiency – Half" depends upon the instructor's appraisal of that proficiency. *For the complete policy statement, including information about transfer credits to fulfill this requirement, see the Quantitative Proficiency section of the Course Catalog.*

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### DOUBLE-DEGREE (B.A./B.M.) REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ **Minimum GPA requirement (valid only for students matriculating Fall 2004 and later).** In order to graduate a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 1.67.
- ◆ **Major.** A major in both the College of Arts and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music is required. The College major may not be in music. Double-degree students may wait until their fifth semester to declare an Arts and Sciences major.
- ◆ **152 credit hours (exclusive of Winter Term credits) subject to the following distribution rules:**
  - **Credit Distribution.** At least 62 Arts and Sciences hours and at least 76 Conservatory hours. At least 12 Arts and Sciences hours must be earned by the end of the second semester, 25 by the end of the fourth semester, and 30 by the end of the fifth semester.
  - **84-Hour Rule.** This requirement does not apply to double-degree students.
  - **56-Hour Rule.** Same as for B.A. degree above.
  - **9-9-9 Distribution Rule.** Same as for B.A. degree above, except that double-degree students may count Music History courses above MHST 101, upper-division Music Theory courses, and Historical Performance courses towards the Arts and Humanities portion of this requirement (but not to the 62-hour minimum in the College of Arts and Sciences).
  - **Cultural Diversity Requirement.** Same as for B.A. degree above.
  - **Residency.** At least five semesters of residence at Oberlin or on Oberlin College programs.
- ◆ **Three Winter Term Credits.** (Transfer students must earn one credit in each Winter Term during their enrollment at Oberlin, up to a maximum of three.) Exceptions to completion of this requirement during January are rare and must be granted by the Dean of Studies.
- ◆ **Proficiency Requirements:**
  - **Writing Requirement.** Same as for B.A. degree above.
  - **Quantitative Proficiency.** Same as for B.A. degree above.