

University Curricula

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GENERAL EDUCATION

All students seeking a bachelor's degree from Salisbury University are required to complete a series of General Education courses. The faculty of the University believe that General Education is an essential element in the University experience and have structured the components of the General Education program to realize both a traditional and a contemporary mission.

The traditional mission is to provide students with a broad experience in the liberal arts. The contemporary mission of General Education is to provide students with a common ground of understanding and competence for meeting the challenges of today's world as educated men and women.

The courses within the General Education program are supported by the Student Learning Goals and Principles, developed and approved by the faculty in 2000. The information regarding the knowledge, skills and dispositions deemed essential for a Salisbury University graduate can be found in Appendix F.

General Education at Salisbury University consists of a minimum of 47 credits organized into four groups of related subject matter.

Group I

Group I coursework is intended to develop students' competence in written and oral expression and to encourage them to appreciate the beauty and truth embodied in the traditional disciplines of the humanities.

Group II

Group II offers courses in the areas of history and social science, affording perspectives and insights into the interaction of humans with each other in a social world.

Group III

Group III involves experiences in the scientific method and the structures on which it is based, and which lead to an appreciation of the interdependence of humans and the natural world.

Group IV

Group IV is designed to enhance students' understanding of the body, its movement and the values of fitness.

General Education Requirements

All programs leading to the bachelor's degree include a minimum of 47 credit hours in approved General Education courses. Some majors designate certain required courses within the General Education courses. Students may learn of these specific requirements from their major departments. The General Education requirements are as follows:

Group I—15 credit hours/five courses

A. Complete the following courses:

ENGL 101 Composition I.....3
ENGL 102 Composition II3
(grades of C or better are required in both ENGL 101 and 102)

LITERATURE3
(in either the English or Modern Languages department)

B. Select six credit hours from at least two of the following departments:

Art, Communication and Theatre Arts, Dance, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy

Group II—15 credit hours/five courses

A. Complete the following courses:

HIST 101 World Civilization I3
HIST 102 World Civilization II3

B. Select nine credit hours from three of the following departments:

Anthropology, Economics, History, Human Geography (excluding Physical Geography), Political Science, Psychology, Sociology/Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution

Group III—12 credit hours/four courses

A. Select courses with laboratories from at least two of the following four areas (totaling at least six credit hours):

Biology, Chemistry, Geology-Physical Geography, Physics

B. Select one additional course (need not include a lab) from Group III A or Computer Science or Mathematics (totaling at least three credit hours):

Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Health Science, Geology or Physical Geography, Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics

C. Select one math course for a total of three credit hours.*

Group IV—three credit hours/one course

PHEC 106 Personalized Health/Fitness.....3

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The University offers undergraduate programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Fine Arts, the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. Minimum requirements for graduation include satisfactory completion of 120 semester hours, 47 of which must be in prescribed General Education courses. Some majors require more than 120 semester hours, usually to meet accreditation standards. See the particular department for details.

The following is a list of majors offered by Salisbury University and arranged by the school in which the majors are housed. Many of the majors include concentrations and several departments also have minor programs of study.

► **Fulton School of Liberal Arts**

Art (B.A. or B.F.A.)
 Communication Arts (B.A.)
 Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution (B.A.)
 English (B.A.)
 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)/
 K-12 ESOL Certification (B.A.)
 Environmental Issues (B.A.)
 French (B.A.)
 History (B.A.)
 Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A. or B.S.)
 International Studies (B.A.)
 Music (B.A.)
 Philosophy (B.A.)
 Political Science (B.A.)
 Psychology (B.A.)
 Sociology (B.A.)
 Spanish (B.A.)
 Theatre (B.A.)

► **Henson School of Science and Technology**

Biology (B.S.)
 Chemistry (B.S.)
 Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology (B.S.)
 Computer Science (B.S.)
 Environmental Health Science (B.S.)
 Geography (B.S.)
 Mathematics (B.S.)
 Nursing (B.S.)
 Physics (B.S.)
 Respiratory Therapy (B.S.)

► **Perdue School of Business**

Accounting (B.S.)
 Business Administration (B.S.)
 Economics (B.A.)
 Finance (B.S.)
 Information Systems (B.S.)
 Management (B.S.)
 Marketing (B.S.)

► **Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies**

Athletic Training (B.S.)
 Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
 Elementary Education (B.S.)
 Exercise Science (B.S.)
 Health Education (B.S.)
 Physical Education (B.S.)
 Social Work (B.A.S.W.)

Collaborative Undergraduate Degree Programs

Sociology (UMES) - Social Work (SU)
 Biology (SU) - Environmental Science (UMES)

MSDE Teacher Education Programs

MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education) approved teacher education programs are offered in the following areas:

Biology
 Chemistry
 History/Social Studies
 Mathematics

Early Childhood Education
 Elementary Education
 English
 French
 Health Education 7-12
 Music K-12
 Physical Education K-12
 Physics
 Spanish

Specific statements on degrees and requirements are listed under each school's section.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The University offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Education, the Master of Science, the Master of Arts, the Master of Arts in Teaching (cooperatively with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore), the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Social Work.

The following is a list of graduate degree programs offered by Salisbury University and arranged by the school in which the programs are housed. For more information on requirements for graduate degrees, see the department sections of this catalog.

► **Fulton School of Liberal Arts**

English (M.A.)
 History (M.A.)

► **Henson School of Science and Technology**

Applied Health Physiology (M.S.)
 Mathematics Education (M.S.)
 Nursing (M.S.)

► **Perdue School of Business**

Business Administration (M.B.A.)

► **Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies**

Education (M.Ed.)
 Public School Administration (M.Ed.)
 Reading Specialist (M.Ed.)
 Social Work (M.S.W.)
 Teaching (M.A.T.) [Biology, Chemistry, English, French, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Spanish]
 TESOL K-12 Certification

Graduate Certificates

Family Nurse Practitioner
 Health Care Management
 Mathematics for Middle School Teachers
 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
 Teaching and Learning with Technology

Collaborative Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Teaching (SU/UMES)

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For specific graduate-level graduation requirements refer to the Graduate Programs section of the school in which the desired graduate program is located.

Student Responsibility For Satisfying Graduation Requirements

The faculty and administration have established the following policies and procedures for the guidance and evaluation of student performance and to help ensure the quality of education provided by the University.

To graduate from Salisbury University students must be matriculated and complete approved degree programs. To be matriculated, students must be accepted for admission as degree candidates and enroll in courses.

Matriculated students are responsible for planning their programs to meet University and departmental graduation requirements. As students plan their programs they need to recognize that the catalog is an information guide and not a contract nor an offer to make a contract. The University has the authority to change degree requirements, prerequisites, course schedules, grading systems, fees and related matters. Wherever possible, however, the University implements changes in ways that do not create hardships for students who are already enrolled.

Catalog Selection

A matriculated student can usually meet University and departmental graduation requirements stated in any University catalog that meets the following conditions:

1. The catalog was issued within the seven years preceding the student's graduation.
2. The catalog was in effect during a semester when the student was either matriculated at Salisbury University or at a Maryland community college.
3. The catalog meets all requirements of relevant external agencies.
4. The catalog does not require the University to adhere to policies or provide services, curriculum or facilities no longer in effect or necessary.

Matriculated students must satisfy all graduation requirements in the catalog they select.

Application for Diploma/Graduation

Students must apply for graduation by submitting an Application for Diploma form to the Registrar's Office at least one semester prior to their intended date of completion. The academic records of degree candidates who apply for graduation on time are audited for graduation requirements, and the candidates are notified of any deficiencies, giving them an opportunity to satisfy any remaining, unfulfilled requirements during their last semester of enrollment. The Registrar's Office reserves the right to move students' intended date of completion or to cancel their Application for Diploma if it appears that they will not or do not meet their degree requirements. Degree candidates have the responsibility of keeping the Registrar's Office apprised of any changes in their graduation plans.

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be matriculated in the University.
2. Successfully complete at least 120 credit hours of coursework with a *cumulative* grade point average of 2.0 or higher. *Students must take 30 of the last 37 credit hours at*

Salisbury University (special cooperative programs are exempt).

3. Complete at least 30 credit hours at the University by direct classroom instruction and/or laboratory experience and not through credit by examination.
4. Complete at least 30 credit hours at the 300/400 level with grades of C or better. Transfer students must complete at least 15 hours of their 30 upper-level credits at Salisbury University (note: other than field-based courses in the Department of Education, courses taken on a PS/F basis do not satisfy this requirement).
5. Satisfy the General Education requirements.
6. Satisfy the requirements in at least one major program of study including the major's required grade point average.
7. Earn grades of C or better in English 101 and English 102.
8. Submit an Application for Graduation form to the registrar by the appropriate date.
9. Make arrangements for the repayment of any outstanding debt.
10. Return all materials borrowed from the library or academic departments.

Graduation With Honors

The student's eligibility for graduation with honors is determined by the honors standards in place at the time the student graduates.

Recognition of graduation with honors at the commencement ceremonies is based on the student's cumulative grade point average at the end of the previous grading period. Students recognized at the ceremony may or may not ultimately earn graduation with honors. The official recognition of graduation with honors appears on the student's official transcript and diploma and is calculated on the student's final grades

In order to be eligible for graduation honors, students must complete a minimum of 56 graded hours of coursework at Salisbury University, in which at least 30 hours of 300/400-level courses are completed with grades of A, B or C. In addition, students must have minimum Salisbury University grade point averages as follows: *cum laude: 3.5; magna cum laude: 3.7; summa cum laude: 3.9*. Students completing a second bachelor's degree will be eligible to graduate with honors only if they meet all graduation with honors criteria using credits earned after their prior graduation.

Minor Programs

Unless required for the completion of a specific major program, minor programs are an optional component of the graduation requirements. Students may complete and graduate with more than one minor. Minor programs must be completed at the time of graduation and appear as a part of the student's degree when satisfactory completion is certified by the Registrar's Office.

Double Majors

Students may simultaneously satisfy the requirements for more than one major program. All major programs appear as a part of the student's degree when satisfactory completion is certified by the Registrar's Office. Students completing more than one major receive one baccalaureate degree from Salisbury University unless all requirements for the second degree program taken simultaneously have been satisfied.

Second Bachelor's Degree Programs

► Taken Sequentially

Individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree from Salisbury University or another regionally accredited institution may earn a second undergraduate degree in a different major at the University. Second degree students must complete a minimum of 30 new semester hours of coursework with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 and satisfy all requirements for the major. In addition, 15 of the 30 new hours must be in coursework from the major department that could be used to satisfy program requirements.

Second bachelor's degree candidates will be eligible to graduate with honors only if they satisfy all graduation with honors requirements using credit earned after the completion of their prior degree.

► Taken Simultaneously

Individuals who wish to receive two baccalaureate degrees from Salisbury University simultaneously, must complete a minimum of 150 semester hours of coursework, and must fulfill the regularly prescribed requirements for both degree programs. Students should formally declare all major programs as early in their academic career as possible and are encouraged to seek advisement from each department to ensure completion of all requirements in each degree. The student's desire to receive two degrees must be noted on the Application for Diploma form when applying for graduation.

► SU/UMES Second Degree Program

In addition to the credit exchange program with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Salisbury University and UMES allow students to complete baccalaureate programs at both institutions simultaneously. The student must satisfy baccalaureate degree requirements at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for a program of study which is not available at Salisbury University and must also satisfy all requirements in a major offered at SU. In addition, the following particular requirements apply to this program:

1. The 90 (or more) credit hours of work at Salisbury University must be completed with an SU grade point average of 2.0 or better; at least 30 of these credits must be taken on the SU campus (cooperative program credits, examination credits, etc., may not be so counted), and of these, at least 15 hours must be completed at SU at the 300 or 400 level with grades of C or better.
2. The Salisbury University catalog which contains the program requirements the student is satisfying at SU may not predate by more than seven years the time of the student's graduation; and the student must have been in attendance at SU as a matriculated student during a semester in which the catalog was in effect.
3. The student must satisfy all graduation requirements as stated in an approved SU catalog, except those requiring matriculation at the University at the time of graduation and completion of the last 30 hours of work at the University.
4. In order to graduate from Salisbury University with honors, the requirements stated in the catalog which the student has chosen will be in effect. Only SU credits are used in computing the SU grade point average.
5. The student's grade point averages at SU and at UMES must be 2.0 or better.

Students who participate in the cooperative dual-degree program must register this fact with the departments of their

SU majors. The granting of the baccalaureate degree from Salisbury University and the granting of the baccalaureate degree from the UMES will occur when requirements in both degree programs have been satisfied.

University Writing Across the Curriculum Expectations

Students satisfying graduation requirements must earn grades of C or better in English 101 and English 102.

The faculty believes that the ability to express ideas in a logical, organized and convincing manner is an integral part of a liberal arts education. Students are expected to maintain and continually demonstrate this ability in written assignments. Consequently, they can expect some formal written work as part of the evaluation in essentially all of their classes.

Technology Fluency Policy

It is the policy of Salisbury University that all students graduating from this institution can demonstrate an appropriate level of fluency with information technology with regard to discipline-specific requirements within academic departments. The discipline-specific requirements will be defined from four broad technology knowledge context areas: basic operations and concepts; accessing information through technology; communicating effectively using technology; and organizing and analyzing information with technology.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Salisbury University is committed to encouraging students to participate in activities both on and off campus that increase their global awareness and their understanding of issues of diversity.

The University offers more than 150 undergraduate courses that are either entirely international in focus or that contain international core components. Students in all disciplines can avail themselves of these courses as part of their undergraduate studies and are also encouraged to pursue foreign language study while at SU. The University also offers courses and services for non-native English speakers. The University is committed to readying students for life and work in a global society.

Cultural programming includes speakers and performers from around the world, allowing campus and community members the opportunity to experience international talent and thought on campus. Additionally, the University enjoys a growing and richly diverse foreign student population.

As part of their course work and social life, students are encouraged to participate in community service, particularly as it addresses issues of diversity within the community. SU is committed to instilling in its students tolerance of and appreciation for cultural differences.

Salisbury University also encourages student participation in educational international experiences including travel and off-site courses and study abroad, work abroad, volunteer abroad and intern abroad programs. The University offers winter term, summer term and semester travel courses to England, France, Chile, Ecuador, Ireland, Honduras, Spain, China, Germany, India and New Zealand. The Study Abroad Office can assist students in finding programs for study in other locations. In the past few years, SU students have studied in Kenya, Australia, Czech Republic, Mexico and other

countries all over the world. Students should speak with the Study Abroad coordinators to receive information regarding programs, courses, and requirements.

Students electing to study abroad in a University-approved program during their senior year may apply up to 30 semester hours of approved transfer credits toward the final 30-hour residency requirement for graduation. Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at Salisbury University. All other graduation requirements must be met. Study Abroad Planning forms are available in the Office of International Education (Guerrieri Center Room 256) and must be submitted with all required signatures during the semester prior to the semester the student studies abroad. For additional information on study abroad, scholarships and financial aid related to study abroad, please contact the Office of International Education.

Students who choose to participate in a study abroad program during the academic year may be able to use their need based financial aid or scholarship from the University, state or the federal government.