

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Baccalaureate Degree Requirements:**

1. Minimum of 120 s.h.
2. Minimum of 30 s.h. of courses must be completed through enrollment at ECU.
3. A minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total hours required for the major must be completed through enrollment at ECU.
4. Half of the minimum s.h. required in the student's program must be earned through enrollment in a regionally-accredited senior college.
5. All students must complete 12 s.h. of writing intensive courses of which at least 3 s.h. are in their major.

### **Double major:**

1. Students must choose a primary major and a secondary major. He/she will be advised in the primary major department. However, the secondary major department must review the requirements for the second major.
2. Any number of hours from the primary major may be counted toward the secondary major. The number of hours applicable toward the second major should not be limited.
3. If the primary major is a non-BA degree and the secondary major is a BA degree, neither additional foundations curriculum requirements nor a foreign language requirement will apply.
4. Courses taken to meet foundations curriculum requirements may be used to satisfy requirements for the second major or a minor, except where prohibited, but not for the primary major.
5. Double major students are not required to complete additional writing intensive coursework.

### **Dual Degree: Simultaneous**

1. Students must complete the requirements for one baccalaureate degree and also complete a minimum of an additional 30 s.h. through course enrollment at ECU for the other degree.
2. Foundations curriculum requirements for one degree may be used to satisfy the foundations curriculum requirements for the other degree.
3. All other degree requirements, including a foreign language, must be met and may not be waived.
4. Students are required to complete at least 3 s.h. of writing intensive courses in each major.
5. Students who wish to satisfy the requirements for a BS degree in Teacher Education may use the same major for both degrees provided the University offers a degree certification program in that major.
6. Undergraduate students who enter the University under the regulations of a catalog have a period of 5 years, inclusive and continuous, in which to complete the degree requirements of that catalog. For example, if a student enters seeking a second degree in fall 2005, he/she must complete that degree within 5 years or move to a subsequent catalog.
7. All students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
8. All students must earn a minimum GPA in their major of 2.0.

### **Second Degree: For students that already hold a Baccalaureate degree**

1. The student must meet the curriculum requirements for the second undergraduate degree in the catalog under which he or she enters or in some subsequent catalog. No student will be permitted to complete a second degree under a catalog issued more than 3 years prior to the date of completion of the second degree. For example, if a student enters seeking a second degree in fall 2005, he/she must complete that degree within three years or move to a subsequent catalog.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 30 s.h. through enrollment at ECU.

3. All second degree students are required to complete at least 3 s.h. of writing intensive courses in each major.
4. The academic unit offering the second degree will determine whether foundations curriculum requirements from the first degree will satisfy their foundations curriculum requirements.
5. Second degree students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. GPA is determined only on attempted hours toward the second degree.

### **OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Foreign Language:** All B.A. degrees and some other degree programs require four semesters (12 semester hours) of a foreign language. ECU does not offer four semesters in some languages (e.g., Italian). Students and advisors must consult the catalog.

Some transfer students enter the university with credit for 1003 and 1004 (6 semester hours) of a foreign language but without 12 semester hours. (Some institutions do not give placement credit.) In these cases, the students satisfy the competency level required with fewer than 12 hours. They must, however, earn the total number of hours required for the degree. Deaf and hard of hearing students and learning disabled students *may* be able to substitute foreign language culture courses for foreign language. Students should contact the Department for Disability Support Services (737-1016) to begin the approval process.

**Major Hours:** Students must meet requirements of the major. Where substitutions or waivers have been approved by the unit, documentation must be reported on the senior summary or by memo to the Office of the Registrar.

**Minor Hours:** Where a minor is required by the degree program, students must complete minor requirements. Any variation/substitution must be approved by the minor department.

#### ***Writing-Intensive Courses (Writing Across the Curriculum Program):***

Students enrolling at East Carolina University must fulfill the writing across the curriculum requirement prior to graduation. To do so, each student must complete a minimum of 12 s.h. of writing intensive courses, including ENGL 1100, 1200; at least one 3 s.h. writing intensive course in the major; and any other 3 s.h. writing intensive course of the student's choice.

Students entering ECU with transfer credit for ENGL 1200 have satisfied the Foundations Curriculum requirement in the area of English. Such students are still required to complete a total of 12 hours of credit in Writing Intensive courses. All second degree students will be required to complete at least 3 s.h. of writing intensive course work in the major. Writing intensive courses/sections of courses are identified each semester in the course schedule listing and will be designated WI on the student's transcript. A complete listing of courses approved as writing intensive may be found at the University Writing Program web site, [www.ecu.edu/writing](http://www.ecu.edu/writing).

A course will transfer into ECU as WI under two conditions. The course must either be a writing intensive course in a writing across the curriculum program at the university or college where it was taken and/or the course must have the words "writing" or "communication" (e.g., "Writing for Business and Industry" or "Business Communications") in the course title. Courses meeting either of these two criteria will be accepted as WI and count as writing intensive for ECU degree requirements.

**Cultural Diversity:** Each academic unit will ensure that its majors complete at least one course which exposes them to cultural diversity. Courses that meet this requirement will be designated by the respective unit.