Degree Requirements

1. To be awarded the bachelor's degree by the College of Arts and Sciences, it is necessary to complete all the requirements listed for one of the academic programs offered by the College.

2. A maximum of four semester hours of general activities courses and mini courses, and a maximum of ten semester hours of MIL courses may be counted in the semester hours required for the degree. In addition, a maximum of one semester hour from ASI 150, ASI 160, VAR 100, or an equivalent course may be counted in the semester hours required for the degree.

3. The final 30 semester hours must be earned at the University of Dayton. Furthermore, a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work at the 300 and 400 level in the major must be completed at the University.

4. The standard grade point average of at least 2.0 must be achieved in the major field, in the minor field, and in the total program. In the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Programs, a 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required in the nonprofessional courses as well as in the professional courses.

5. It is the responsibility of the student to complete his or her Graduation Application form.

6. Students are encouraged to minor in areas of interest. A minor for a student is constituted of at least 12 credits of coursework in a specific area. These credits must be in addition to any degree program requirements and in a minor program approved by their College of Arts and Sciences. Additionally, minors cannot be completed in the same titled program as their major (i.e. Major in Biology; Minor in Biology). It is possible to minor in a specific area within a student’s major department if the name of the minor is different from the major, and it includes 12 discrete credits in addition to their major requirements (i.e. Major in Communication, Concentration Public Relations with a Minor in Media Production).*

*In cases where majors have areas/tracks/concentrations in which students in the major must choose to study, those students cannot also minor in that same area/track/concentration.

7. The College of Arts and Sciences’ Competencies of Composition, Oral Communication, and Mathematics, are required for all bachelor degrees within the College.

Composition Competencies

The College of Arts and Sciences’ composition competency requirement is satisfied by completing ENG 100 (or ENG 100A and ENG 100B) and ENG 200, or ENG 200H, or ASI 120 with a grade of C- or higher. Students admitted to the University Honors program and students with sufficiently high verbal scores on the SAT and ACT are placed in ENG 200H. ENG 200H is a one-semester course which satisfies the University’s Common Academic Program requirement in composition. Students who are placed in ENG 200H do not receive credit for ENG 100 but are free to take elective course work in place of the waived First-Year Humanities Commons composition.

All incoming first-year students are placed in ENG 100 unless:

• they are placed in ENG 200H (receive EM credit for ENG 100). For a score of 5 they receive EM credit for ENG 100 and ENG 200.

• they have an SAT (VB) score of 750 or above, or ACT (EN) of 35 or above - exempt from taking English composition

• they have an SAT (VB) score below 450, or ACT (EN) below 17 – placed in ENG 100A and ENG 100B

• they are in the CORE program (ASI 120 counts as ENG 200H)

Oral Communication Competencies

The College of Arts and Sciences’ oral communication competency requirements are satisfied by completing the University’s Common Academic Program requirement of CMM 100 Principles of Oral Communication, and with a grade of C- or higher.

Mathematics Competencies

In order to graduate, students are required to satisfy the Common Academic Program Mathematics requirement. The College of Arts and Sciences requires a grade of C- or better, or earn EM credit based on AP examinations for MTH 168 Anly Geom & Calc or MTH 207 Intro to Statistics, or earn appropriate transfer credit, for any one of the Common Academic Program mathematics courses. (MTH 205 does satisfies the Common Academic Program Mathematics requirement, but is not applicable to the College of Arts and Sciences degree requirements.)

MTH 114 Contemporary Mathematics 3
MTH 129 Calculus for Business 3
MTH 148 Introductory Calculus I 3
MTH 149 Introductory Calculus II 3
MTH 168 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I 4
MTH 169 Analytic Geometry & Calculus II 4
MTH 207 Introduction to Statistics 3
MTH 218 Analytic Geometry & Calculus III 4