

4.5 Academic Regulations for Bachelor Degrees

4.5.1 General Requirements

All students in degree programs are required to take a minimum of courses in a variety of general arts and sciences so as to enable them to acquire an adequate foundation and context for their chosen area of studies, and to develop a critical appreciation of scholarship in general. These General Requirements, along with the related co-curricular expectations of all regular Providence University College students, are designed to equip students to fulfill the mission and purposes of Providence University College. Biblical and Theological Studies establish anchor points for effective Christian thinking, living, and serving in the church and in society. The Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences deepen the understanding and heighten the appreciation of human nature, thoughts, cultures, and societies. Music and Theatre foster the musical and dramatic expression of the human spirit, condition, and experience. While particular majors may further specify courses within these discipline categories, the general requirements are as follows:

Biblical Studies and Theology (21 credit hours)

- 121.11 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology I
- 121.12 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology II
- 117.11 – BTHO: Christian Spirituality I: Formations
- 12 credit hours of electives

Humanities, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science (27 credit hours)

- 6 credit hours in Humanities (English, History, Music, Philosophy, or Theatre)
- 6 credit hours in Mathematics or Science
- 6 credit hours in Social Science (Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology)
- 3 credit hours in Music or Theatre (cannot be applied, ensemble, or practical)
- 6 credit hours of electives

Intercultural Studies (3 credit hours)

- 421.11 – INST: International Development and Missions

Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (6 credit hours)

- 6 credit hours of Biblical Studies, Theology, Church Ministries, Intercultural Studies, Youth Leadership, Worship Studies, or the following selected list:
 - 211.26 History of Christianity I
 - 211.27 History of Christianity II
 - 211.38 Spiritual Autobiography and Christian History
 - 213.24 Worldview Studies
 - 213.23 Philosophy of Religion
 - 213.34 Special Studies in Philosophy of Religion
 - 213.22 Ethics
 - 213.32 Ethics in the Marketplace
 - 221.31 Social Science and Christianity
 - 224.13 World Religions
 - 224.23 Spirituality and Culture
 - 223.32 Sociology of Religion
 - 315.11 Music in Christian Worship
 - 312.13 Introduction to Music
 - 411.12 Principles of Teaching
 - 471.11 Introduction to Management
 - 471.23 Business/Government Relations
 - 472.12 Organizational Behavior
 - 472.42 Strategic Management and Policy

Important notes

1. All courses used toward the General Requirements can also be used to meet major, minor, or concentration requirements (eg: a social science major could take 222.11/12 Intro to Psychology I and II to fulfill the 6 credit hours of Social Science and the introductory requirement in a Psychology concentration).
2. The 6 credits of Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies can be used to meet major, minor, or concentration requirements and the Arts and Science General Requirement (eg: a music major could take 315.11 Music in Christian Worship to fulfill a major requirement, 3 credit hours of the Arts and Science requirement, and 3 credit hours of the Interdisciplinary Studies requirement).

4.5.2 Major Requirements

Students are encouraged to select a major no later than the beginning of their third semester. Most disciplines offer a General Major consisting of 30–45 credit hours, but there is also a limited number of Advanced Majors and Honours Majors. These consist of additional credit hours in the major discipline and require a four-year degree program.

In the Humanities and Social Sciences, a major consists of a double concentration. These majors are formed by the pairing of any two of the following disciplines: Anthropology, English, History, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, or Theatre. Descriptions of these paired-concentration majors are found in each discipline.

Students may select any two of the majors outlined in the Calendar for a double major. Students intending to pursue a double major are encouraged to declare both majors by the beginning of their fifth semester. A double major requires a fourth year of studies.

Note: A maximum of two minors are permitted in each degree program.

4.5.3 Credit Hour Requirements

Three year degree programs consist of a total of 90 credit hours; four-year programs consist of 120 credit hours. Students in four-year programs select a second major, and/or an Advanced or Honours Major. Once the general and major/minor requirements are met, students may select additional elective courses according to their interests and inclinations.

4.5.4 Requirements for Honours Degrees

Four year honours degrees require a 3.0 GPA (after 45 hours of accumulated credit) for admission and for graduation. Students are required to take a minimum of five upper level classes in addition to the Honours thesis or discipline-appropriate equivalent. For joint honours programs (in which a significant portion is taken at the partnering institution), the inclusion of an Honours thesis or discipline-appropriate equivalent can be determined in negotiation with the partnering institution.

4.5.5 Year Level Requirements

A minimum of 30 credit hours in the total program must be at or above the second year level. The year level of a course is indicated by the number immediately following the decimal point:

- xxx.1x = Entry level courses
- xxx.2x = Mid-level courses
- xxx.3x = Upper level courses
- xxx.4x = Advanced, Specialized, and Capstone courses

4.5.6 Field Education Requirements

Three year degree programs require five (5) Field Education units, while four year degree programs require seven (7) Field Education units. See Section 5.3 for more information.