DEGREE INFORMATION

Each student is personally responsible for understanding and completing the requirements listed in his or her degree plan. Academic advisors are assigned by the College to assist students with this responsibility.

DEGREE PLANNING

Students may choose a degree plan from the Rochester College catalog published during their first semester of enrollment or any subsequent semester. Students who re-enroll after an absence of 12 months or more may only be re-admitted under the latest degree plan offered for the degree and major being pursued. Students who plan to transfer to another college to complete a major not offered at Rochester College should provide that institution with a copy of the Rochester College catalog, as well as their transcripts. This should be done early in the advising process. Ultimately, the student is solely responsible for knowing all degree requirements for both schools.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

To earn a degree, students must meet the following requirements in addition to the courses required by the Bachelor's degree program:

1. Complete a minimum of 128 credit hours (or 120 hours in accelerated degree programs), including at least 36 credit hours of upper-division courses (3000 and 4000 level course numbers). For any degree, at least 50% of a student's major core must be earned at Rochester College.

2. Achieve a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

3. Achieve a minimum 2.00 GPA in core courses of the chosen major (or higher if required for a specific major).

4. Accrue all transfer credits before the final semester prior to graduation at Rochester College. In other words, no credits can be transferred to Rochester College during a student's last semester before graduation because the last 15 hours of credit must be taken at the student's home institution, a common policy known as a Residency Requirement.

5. Demonstrate college-level writing proficiency by completing Composition A (ENG 1113) and B (ENG 1123) or their equivalents with a grade C or above. A grade of C- does not satisfy this requirement. Furthermore, a grade of C- or below in Composition A or B cannot be counted as credit toward graduation. Refer to the Rochester College Writing Proficiency Policy on page 48-49 for complete information.

CHANGING MAJORS

Students who start with one major at Rochester College and then change majors in a later semester must meet the requirements in the current year's catalog. For example, if a student started RC in fall 2011, and changed majors in fall 2012, that student would be required to satisfy all the requirements of the 2012-13 degree plan, including General Education requirements. Contact the Registrar for any questions on this policy.