

DEGREE INFORMATION

Each student is personally responsible for understanding and completing the requirements listed in his or her degree plan. Academic advisers 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 their academic adviser with a catalog from the other institution. This should be done early in the advising process. 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 128 semester hours (or 120 hours in CEL), including at least 36 semester hours of upper-division (3000 and 4000 level course numbers).
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. Complete at least 24 of the last 36 hours at Rochester College (12 of the last 18 for an Associate's degree).
5. Demonstrate college-level writing proficiency by completing Composition A and B (or their equivalent) with a grade C or above. Refer to page 52 for complete Rochester College Writing Proficiency policy.

CHANGING MAJORS

If a student starts with one major at Rochester College, then decides to change majors in a later semester, they must meet the requirements in the current year's catalog. For example, if a student started RC in fall 2009, and changed majors in fall 2011, that student would be required to satisfy all the requirements of the 2011-12 degree plan, including general education requirements. See the Registrar for any questions on this policy.

DEGREE OPTIONS – TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

For CEL degree options, please see page 136. For graduate (MRE) options, please see the graduate catalog.

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

English

Tracks available in Literature and Professional Writing

Humanities

Concentrations available in History, International Studies, Literature, Literature and Writing, Music, Performing Arts, Pre-law, Religion, and Theatre

Interdisciplinary Studies

Concentrations available in History, International Studies, Literature, Literature and Writing, Music, Performing Arts, Pre-law, Religion, and Theatre

Interdisciplinary Studies with Honors

Concentrations that are self-designed and approved by committee

Music

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

Accounting

Business Management

Sports Management

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Behavioral Science

Concentration in Social Work

Biblical Studies

Biology

Christian Ministry

Education, Elementary

Majors available in Integrated Science, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies Education

Education, Secondary

Majors available in Biology, English, Social Studies, and Mathematics Education

Health Sciences

Tracks available in Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Physician's Assistant

Interdisciplinary Studies

Concentrations available in Business, General Science, History, International Studies, Literature, Literature and Writing, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Music, Performing Arts, Pre-law, Pre-med, Professional Writing, Psychology, Religion, and Theatre

Mass Communication

Tracks available in Broadcasting, Graphic Design, Public Relations and Media & Communication Arts

Psychology

Technical and Professional Studies

Incorporates into a BS degree a qualified certificate program in a technical field from another institution

Youth and Family Ministry

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Nursing

RN-BSN

Associate of Arts (AA)

Associate of Science (AS)

The General Education Program

The General Education Program establishes the broad liberal arts core of all bachelor's degrees. The curriculum emphasizes specific content areas in the liberal arts as well as skill development in areas such as reading comprehension, critical thinking and mathematical analysis, research, writing, and communication.

The requirements for the General Education Program include 18 courses, totaling 49 credit hours. They are organized in the following categories of content and skill. Note: Courses listed below are from the RC offering. Other courses may satisfy the requirements, subject to the approval of the Division Chair.

Skill Development: (for Reading Comprehension, Writing, Reasoning, and Communication)

Information Literacy (1)

Develops the students' ability to access, evaluate, assimilate, and use information effectively to accomplish specific academic and personal tasks.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: INF 1011 or HON 2014

English Composition (6)

Develops a students' ability to read critically and comprehensively, and to write clearly and effectively for a variety of purposes.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: Required sequence of ENG 1113 & ENG 1123 or HON 2014. ENG 1003 and ENG 1013 may be required as a pre-requisite for international students or those with an English ACT score of 17 or below. Students exempted from ENG 1113 and/or 1123 may replace those hours with electives.

Communication and Speech (3)

Introduces students to theory and practice in a variety of communication contexts, with special attention to verbal communication and speech.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: COM 1013 or HON 2014

Critical Thinking and Mathematical Competency (3)

Develops a student's appreciation of the value of mathematics and logic in history and contemporary society. It enhances reasoning ability and the grasp of logical principles, improves problem solving skills, and develops an understanding of numerical data and statistical methods.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: HON 2314; MAT 1103 or above; or PHI 2023 (for Religion and Humanities majors or those with a Math ACT of 25 or above).

Moral and Philosophic Reasoning (3)

Introduces students to the basic categories and ideas in the fields of philosophy and ethics, giving special attention to the development of analytic and reasoning skills especially as they are related to Christian moral discourse.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: HON 2213; PHI 2013, 2933, 2943, 3023

Foreign Language (for the BA only) (6-8)

Supports the global worldview of the liberal arts and helps students attain functional competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing at an intermediate level in a foreign language of their choice.

Knowledge Enhancement: (of Self, Others, and God)

Christian Values (9)

These three courses give a college-level, introductory overview of the Christian faith, and to the world and literature of the Bible. The first two are in sequence and are to be taken during the first year of study.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: required sequence of REL 1003 and REL 1013, plus any other BIB elective.

Western Heritage (3)

Gives historical, sequential, and/or thematic introductions to the major events, people, institutions, and ideas from different periods in the development of Western civilizations.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: HIS 1313, 1323, 3313, 3323, 4323; HON 2113; INS 3113; PHI 2013

American Experience (3)

This requirement introduces students to the historical and political issues critical for an understanding of American society and life in the United States.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: Any POS; HIS 2113, 2513, 2523, 3503, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3553, 4513, 4523, HON 2113; MED 4113

Non-Western Studies and Diversity (3)

This requirement introduces students to non-Western histories, cultures, and religions, and to the diversities within Western societies.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: Anthropology; BIB 4123; COM 3533; EDU 3262/3271 (Ed majors only); ENG 2413, 4413; GEO 1013, 3113; HIS 3423; HON 2213; INS 2123; MUS 3333; PHI 3043, 3923; PSY 3423; SOC 2013

Literature (3)

This requirement trains students to understand and appreciate the value and beauty of literature. Students will develop skills for narrative analysis and interpretation, and will learn how to use these skills to explore the cultures, ideas, histories, philosophies, and experiences found in literary classics.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: ENG 2413, 3213, 3223, 3313, 3323; HON 2113

Fine Arts Appreciation (3)

This requirement is designed to foster an awareness and appreciation of the importance of the arts in one's life and in society, and to instill a desire for life-long involvement with the arts.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: FLM 2013, 2423; HON 2113; HUM 2003; INS 2113; MUS 3333; ART 2003

Laboratory Science**(4)**

This laboratory-based requirement demonstrates the applicability of science to everyday life. Students are introduced to the methods used by scientists to investigate and understand the natural world and are taught to assess the reliability and limitations of those methods.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: Any lab science– BIO, CHE, NSC, or PHS; HON 2314.

Human Institutions and Behavior**(3)**

Through courses on economics, sociology, and psychology, this requirement develops in students an awareness of the multiple ways that human institutions and behavior can be studied, understood, and predicted.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: BUS 2403, 2413; HON 2213, 2314; any PSY or SOC; SWK 2013

Health and Fitness**(2)**

By exploring the basics of diet, stress management, and cardiovascular exercise, this requirement develops in students an understanding of and motivation for health, fitness, and care of the self. The requirement also provides an opportunity to focus on one kind of physical activity and develop a recreational appreciation of it.

Courses fulfilling this requirement: Any PED course, including team sports.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive the BA or BS degree, students must complete the General Education core. Alternate standards are listed on page 20 for transfer students holding the Associate's degree. Transfer student variations in the Christian Values Requirement are listed on page 50.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE		
Skill Development		
Information Literacy: INF 1011 or HON 2014		1
English Composition ENG 1113 Composition A, HON 2014, ACT 25+, SAT 570+, or AP 3 or 4 ENG 1123 Composition B, HON 2014, or AP 5 (Comp A&B)		6
Communication and Speech: COM 1013 or HON 2014		3
Critical Thinking / Mathematical Competency: MAT 1103 Int. Algebra or above, ACT 25+; HON 2314, or PHI 2023		3
Moral & Philosophical Reasoning: HON 2213; PHI 2013, 2933, 2943, 3023		3
Foreign Language (BA only)		6-8
Knowledge Enhancement		
Christian Values: REL 1003, 1013, and BIB 2000+		9
Western Heritage: HIS 1313, 1323, 3313, 3323, 4323; HON 2113; INS 3113; PHI 2013		3
American Experience: Any POS; HIS 2113, 2513, 2523, 3503, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3553, 4513, 4523; HON 2113; MED 4113		3
Non-Western Studies and Diversity: ANTH; BIB 4123; COM 3533; ENG 2413, 4413; GEO 1013, 3113; HIS 3423; HON 2213; INS 2123; MUS 3333; PHI 3043, 3923; PSY 3423, SOC 2013		3
Literature: ENG 2413, 3213, 3223, 3313, 3323, HON 2113		3
Fine Arts Appreciation: FLM 2013, 2423; HON 2113; HUM 2003; INS 2113; MUS 3333; ART 2003		3
Laboratory Science: BIO, CHE, NSC, or PHS; HON 2314		4
Human Institutions and Behavior: BUS 2403, 2413; HON 2213; any PSY; any SOC; SWK 2013		3
Health and Fitness ¹ : Any PED activity course		2
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (55-57 hours for BA)		49

¹ Veterans may satisfy this requirement through Basic Training.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is available for students who do not intend to complete a four-year program. The AA requires completion of at least 64 hours (with at least 15 hours taken at Rochester College), and a 2.00 minimum cumulative GPA.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE		
Skill Development		
Information Literacy: INF 1011 or HON 2014		1
English Composition ENG 1113 Composition A, HON 2014, ACT 25+, SAT 570+, or AP 3 or 4 ENG 1123 Composition B, HON 2014, or AP 5 (Comp A&B)		6
Communication and Speech: COM 1013 or HON 2014		3
Critical Thinking / Mathematical Competency: MAT 1103 Int. Algebra or above, ACT 25+; HON 2314, or PHI 2023		3
Moral & Philosophical Reasoning: HON 2213; PHI 2013, 2933, 2943, 3023		3
Knowledge Enhancement		
Christian Values: REL 1003, 1013, and BIB 2000+		9
Western Heritage: HIS 1313, 1323, 3313, 3323, 4323; HON 2113; INS 3113; PHI 2013		3
American Experience: Any POS; HIS 2113, 2513, 2523, 3503, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3553, 4513, 4523; HON 2113; MED 4113		3
Non-Western Studies and Diversity: ANTH; BIB 4123; COM 3533; ENG 2413, 4413; GEO 1013, 3113; HIS 3423; HON 2213; INS 2123; MUS 3333; PHI 3043, 3923; PSY 3423, SOC 2013		3
Literature: ENG 2413, 3213, 3223, 3313, 3323, HON 2113		3
Fine Arts Appreciation: FLM 2013, 2423; HON 2113; HUM 2003; INS 2113; MUS 3333; ART 2003		3
Laboratory Science: BIO, CHE, NSC, or PHS; HON 2314		4
Human Institutions and Behavior: BUS 2403, 2413; HON 2213; any PSY; any SOC; SWK 2013		3
Health and Fitness ¹ : Any PED activity course		2
Electives		15
TOTAL FOR ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE		64

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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate of Science (AS) degree requires completion of at least 64 hours (at least 15 taken at Rochester College), and a 2.00 minimum cumulative GPA.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE		
Skill Development		
Information Literacy: INF 1011 or HON 2014		1
English Composition ENG 1113 Composition A, HON 2014, ACT 25+, SAT 570+, or AP 3 or 4 ENG 1123 Composition B, HON 2014, or AP 5 (Comp A&B)		6
Communication and Speech: COM 1013 or HON 2014		3
Critical Thinking / Mathematical Competency: MAT 1103 Int. Algebra or above, ACT 25+; HON 2314, or PHI 2023		3
Moral & Philosophical Reasoning: HON 2213; PHI 2013, 2933, 2943, 3023		3
Knowledge Enhancement		
Christian Values: REL 1003, 1013		6
Western Heritage: HIS 1313, 1323, 3313, 3323, 4323; HON 2113; INS 3113; PHI 2013		3
American Experience: Any POS; HIS 2113, 2513, 2523, 3503, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3553, 4513, 4523; HON 2113; MED 4113		3
Non-Western Studies and Diversity: ANTH; BIB 4123; COM 3533; ENG 2413, 4413; GEO 1013, 3113; HIS 3423; HON 2213; INS 2123; MUS 3333; PHI 3043, 3923; PSY 3423, SOC 2013		3
Literature: ENG 2413, 3213, 3223, 3313, 3323, HON 2113		3
Fine Arts Appreciation: FLM 2013, 2423; HON 2113; HUM 2003; INS 2113; MUS 3333; ART 2003		3
Laboratory Science Sequence: BIO, CHE, NSC, or PHS		8
Human Institutions and Behavior: BUS 2403, 2413; HON 2213; any PSY; any SOC; SWK 2013		3
Health and Fitness ¹ : Any PED activity course		2
Additional Science: From BIO; CHE; MAT 1334 or above; and/or NSC; PHS		11
Electives		3
TOTAL FOR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE		64

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