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WHAT EVERY APPLICANT NEEDS TO KNOW

The Admissions Office represents the point of entry to undergraduate education at the University of Delaware.

When applying for admission, most students designate a major field of study, although students may enter as University Studies (undeclared) major status. Admission requirements vary among majors, and some academic units may require evidence of special skills. Students who apply to the Music Department, for example, will be asked to perform an audition and take a music theory and ear-training placement test. In addition, students who apply to the Art major will be required to submit a portfolio of works with their application. Each college has a designated set of criteria for admission to its majors. However, acceptance to certain programs tends to be competitive because enrollment is limited.

In evaluating student applications, the Admissions Office considers a broad range of criteria, including the depth and rigor of the college preparatory program (and trend in grades); grades earned in specific courses (especially those related to an applicant's proposed field of study); overall grade-point index; class rank (if available); standardized test scores; student essays; letters of recommendation; and personal statement. Evidence of special talents and abilities, recommendations from counselors and teachers, leadership qualities and recognition in extracurricular and community activities also can support a favorable decision. Admission to the University or to a specific major will not be guaranteed on the basis of specific class rank, test scores, or pattern of high-school subjects or performance.

The University seeks a diverse student body, and it strives to provide equal educational opportunities for all students. Under special circumstances, some promising applicants may not meet all the requirements set forth in this document. The Admissions Committee, therefore, pays particular attention to applications from foreign and returning students; students with disabilities; veterans; and individuals whose secondary education, income level or background have prevented them from meeting all admission requirements. Moreover, Delaware residents whose academic credentials do not initially support admission may reapply after successfully completing courses in the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies. (For more information about this option, consult with a member of the Admissions Office.) The University of Delaware reserves the right to refuse enrollment of any applicant.

New students (freshmen and transfers) are admitted into a specific major within one of the undergraduate Colleges, or they may be admitted without a major to the University Studies Program. Students interested in changing their major prior to enrolling should send written requests to the Office of Admissions. Some majors have enrollment limits and specific course requirements. The Office of Admission will process the requests and, if appropriate, change the intended major, provided the majors meet specific requirements. Once the first semester begins, students interested in changing majors should consult with the appropriate department or college to which they are seeking admission.

The University is eager to provide educational opportunities for older students, who may pursue an undergraduate degree to expand career opportunities or simply to take part in an exciting intellectual environment. In many cases, mature students can complete degree requirements by taking courses in the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies. Qualified Delaware residents who are 60 years of age or older and who have been admitted to a degree program may attend undergraduate or graduate classes on a space-available basis without paying the application, course, registration or other fees. Such students must cover the cost of books, laboratory supplies and shop fees.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Prospective students may fill out an online application at www.udel.edu/apply or may request an application by calling the Admissions Office at (302) 831-8125 or sending e-mail to Admissions@udel.edu. Students must submit Parts I and II of the application (including Secondary School Report and Recommendation Form) along with a check in the amount of $60 by the deadline for their admission category. The following requirements must be met.
1. Applicants to the University must be graduates of accredited secondary schools or have equivalent credentials.
2. Applicants should graduate in the upper half of their high-school classes, preferably in the uppermost percentiles.
3. Applicants are required to submit SAT-I and/or ACT scores directly from the appropriate testing agency. For placement and advisement purposes, applicants are encouraged to submit scores on either the SAT-II (subject tests) or Advanced Placement Tests in their discipline.
4. Applicants should have a firm grasp of the basic academic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, sciences and foreign languages, as well as a strong commitment to academic achievement and learning. In some cases, the University may consider alternate proof of ability and seriousness of academic purpose. But, the best evidence is a strong high-school record with a wide range of courses, including the following post-eight grade course work. While minimum units are specified below, most of our admitted students take more than the minimum. The academic profiles of the most competitive applicants well exceed the minimum requirements.
   a) Four years of college preparatory English, including courses with extensive writing components.
   b) Two years of college preparatory mathematics. (Four years is recommended for students who wish to pursue degrees in nursing, biology, chemistry, and apparel design. For students in business and economics, engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science, nutritional sciences, and food science, four years of mathematics, including trigonometry, precalculus, or calculus, are strongly recommended.)
   c) Three years of science, plus one year of a laboratory science. (For study in the sciences or in related fields such as nursing, nutritional sciences, food science, or engineering, four years of science, including a physics course, are strongly recommended.)
   d) Three years of social sciences, which must include two years of history, one of which should be world history. (Four years are recommended.)
   e) Two years of study in the same foreign language. (Four years of study in the same foreign language is strongly recommended.) Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree and many Bachelor of Science degrees must demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign language. This requirement can be met in one of two ways:
      1. Completion of the intermediate level course (107 or 112) in a given language.
      2. Successful completion of an exemption examination by students who have completed four or more years of high school work in a single foreign language.
   f) Three years of academic electives in fields such as English, mathematics, foreign languages, history, and social sciences or science. Academic electives do not include, for example, sports activities or driver education. The University urges high school students to take as many mathematics and foreign language courses as possible, with special attention to the selection of senior-year courses.
   g) All entering students must submit a Personal and Family Medical History Form, verifying proper immunization against measles, mumps and rubella. See www.udel.edu/sha/immun/index.html for current immunization requirements.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE WELCOME, TOO!**

Prospective transfer students should submit Application Part I, the Supplement for Transfer Admission, and an official post-secondary transcript. Applicants must be in good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing and eligible to return to their current or previous institution(s). The Admissions Committee evaluates all of the transfer applicant’s credentials, including the type(s) of institution(s) attended, coursework relevant to your major, number of credits completed, and cumulative grade point average (GPA). In general, transfer applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA to be considered for admission. If a student has fewer than 36 completed college credits, a review of the high school transcript and standardized test scores will be necessary.

Students applying from a community college are expected to complete two full years of transferable coursework before enrolling at the University of Delaware. However, applicants who took a strong college prep curriculum in high school with grades and test scores (SAT-I or ACT) that would have made them admissible as a freshman, may be offered admission with less than two years of coursework completed. Students who previously applied to the University of Delaware must submit a new set of credentials for consideration.

Some majors require entering students be admitted into an Interest Program. As part of the Interest Program, students take requisite coursework during their first year of enrollment at the University and are reviewed by the department for entrance into the major. The following academic programs function in this way: Art-Visual Communication, Athletic Training, Communication, Exercise Science, Health & Physical Education, Health Behavior Management, and Medical Technology.

Certain majors are more selective and require both a higher minimum grade point average and specific coursework. General guidelines can be found online at:

www.udel.edu/admissions/viewbook/apply/transfer.html

Each applicant is reviewed individually, taking into account factors such as cumulative grade point average, rigor of coursework, trend in grades, choice of major, transferability of courses, and type of institution attended. Where requisite coursework is listed, please search our online course descriptions at:

http://chico.nss.udel.edu/CourseDesc/ to determine whether or not the coursework at your institution is similar in content to the required course listed in the University of Delaware Undergraduate Catalog.

Students with college work at Delaware Technical & Community College or Delaware State University should consult the Transfer of Credit Matrix at www.central.dtec.edu/matrix/ for information regarding course-for-course equivalencies between those institutions and the University of Delaware.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY**

Foreign students attending the University of Delaware represent over 100 countries. The Office of Foreign Student and Scholar Services assists these students in adapting to their new environment and to the American educational system. (Please see chapter on “Resources for Students.”) English tutoring, orientation seminars, “homes away from home,” educational field trips, and participation in community activities are included in the program for international students.

In addition to the University of Delaware International Application for Undergraduate Admissions, international students must submit a Summary of Educational Experiences form, Confidential Financial form, and a certified bank statement from their sponsor showing enough funds to cover their educational expenses.
MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE HONORS PROGRAM

Students apply to the University Honors Program by completing the Honors section of Part II of the Application for Undergraduate Admission. (Read more about this program in the “Opportunities to Enrich Your Undergraduate Education” chapter.) Honors students may select any academic major on campus. Although there are no rigid test-score or grade-point cutoffs, certain levels of achievement are typical of Honors students. Most Honors freshmen are in the top 5 percent of their high school graduating class, and nearly all are in the top 10 percent. The program enrolls approximately 500 freshmen each year. Last year, the middle 50 percent of students admitted to Honors had high-school grade-point averages between 3.80 and 3.99 (on a 4-point scale), and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores between 1310 and 1410. The Honors Program welcomes applications from freshman- and sophomore-level transfer students. For more information, call (302) 831-1195 or visit www.udel.edu/honors.

APPLY ON TIME!

For September (fall semester) admission, all application materials should be sent to the Admissions Office by the deadline specified in the current undergraduate admissions application; to be assured full consideration for all programs and scholarships, all materials should be received by January 15. For February (spring semester) admission, all application materials should be sent to the Admissions Office by the deadline specified in the current undergraduate admissions application.

IF DELAWARE IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE, APPLY EARLY

The University’s Early Decision Plan offers an earlier notification date to qualified freshman applicants who select Delaware as their first-choice institution. The application process is competitive, since Early Decision students are typically among the best in the applicant pool. Under this program, students who submit applications by the Early Decision deadline specified in the current undergraduate admissions application are sent notification of a decision by mid-December. Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee as well as the Scholarship Committee, which identifies candidates for Early Decision academic scholarships.

Early Decision applicants may be accepted, denied, or returned to the regular applicant pool for further consideration. Admission through this program is a binding commitment not contingent upon admission to the Honors Program or a particular major. Students offered Early Decision admission must withdraw all other college applications and submit the admission deposit and (if applicable) housing deposit to the University of Delaware by January 15. If the student demonstrates financial need that the University is not able to meet through a combination of loans and/or grants and Federal Work Study, he or she will be released from the Early Decision agreement.

HIGH SCHOOL WORK MAY = COLLEGE CREDIT

The University recognizes competencies attained through its courses, through courses completed in secondary school, and through independent study. Students who earn scores of 3, 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement tests may earn credit for special competencies. Alternatively, credit based on examination results may be offered for some curricular areas. (See the “Earn Credit by Examination” section in the “Undergraduate Academic Regulations” chapter.) Advanced Placement test scores should be sent to the Admissions Office. For more information on Advanced Placement, contact the Admissions Office or go online to: www.udel.edu/apply/apcredit.html.

ENTER DELAWARE AT THE TIME THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU

Admission or readmission to the University is granted for a specific semester, fall or spring. All offers of admission or readmission are contingent upon maintaining a satisfactory academic performance and a positive personal record. The University may cancel the acceptance of any student who fails to matriculate in the specified semester and/or who fails to successfully complete all coursework in progress. Any requests for deferred admission should be submitted in writing to the Admissions Office. The student’s credentials are reevaluated in such cases, and the request may be granted, depending on the availability of space. In no circumstance will the Admissions Office return applications and supporting materials once they are submitted for consideration.

ACADEMIC RENEWAL MAY ALLOW YOU TO START OVER

When a student leaves the University and later applies for admission or readmission, he or she may wish to enter with a ‘clean slate.’ Students who return to the University after a separation of at least five calendar years are eligible for academic renewal if they earn a C or better in each course for 12 semester hours after returning to the University. In such cases, grades from previously taken courses are not included in the calculation of the GPA.

The following regulations govern this option:
1. Students must consult with the dean of the college in which the student plans to major, and course selection must be approved in writing before the student registers.
2. The request for academic renewal will be processed after successfully completing 12 credit hours worth of course work.
3. All courses and grades will remain on the student’s transcript and will be identified.
4. Credits completed prior to readmission with a grade of C or better may be counted toward the degree.
5. Academic renewal can be granted only once during the student’s enrollment at the University.

DELA WORLD 101 – NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

DelaWorld 101 is the University’s New Student Orientation. During Summer DelaWorld, students accomplish academic tasks that must be completed to ensure a smooth first semester, and return in the fall for programs that ease the actual transition into the University environment. DelaWorld information is mailed to all new students. SUMMER. During the months of June/July (for the fall semester) all new students are expected to spend one full day on campus, participating in the DelaWorld 101 activities. (Special orientation activities are planned for parents, too.) Student activities typically include a meeting with an academic advisor, registration for first-semester classes, and opportunities to meet new and current students.
After completing these activities, students receive their fall class schedule and official University of Delaware identification card or UD#1 card.

FALL. To help students feel welcome and clarify their role in the University community, Fall DelaWorld takes place just prior to the fall semester. These activities, including informal meetings, group discussions, workshops, and social activities, give students a chance to meet faculty, staff, and other classmates. Students also are encouraged to explore academic and co-curricular opportunities.

New students entering for the spring semester are also strongly encouraged to participate in similar orientation activities offered in January and February. All newly matriculated freshman and transfer students, part-time and full-time, are required to pay a one-time, $65* New Student Orientation fee to cover the costs associated with all New Student Orientation events and activities. This fee is required regardless of the student’s participation in this program.

*$50 for students matriculating in the spring semester.

EARN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE EN ROUTE TO A B.A. OR B.S.

Students who satisfactorily complete the first 50 percent of curricular requirements for certain baccalaureate programs may earn an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in either of two colleges: Arts and Sciences or Agriculture and Natural Resources. A minimum of 60 credits is required for the Associate in Arts degree, while the Associate in Science degree requires a minimum of 60 to 62 credits. For part-time students, an associate degree can be a valuable intermediate goal, bridging the period between matriculation and the completion of a four-year baccalaureate degree. Students who hold jobs during the day may earn an associate degree by attending evening classes on a part-time basis.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS. Admission requirements for associate degrees are similar to the corresponding baccalaureate degree requirements. Prospective students must demonstrate scholastic aptitude, motivation for academic attainment, and adequate preparation for the degree curriculum. Successful completion of appropriate Professional and Continuing Studies courses may satisfy these requirements in some cases.

Credits from another institution may be transferred. To be eligible for an associate degree, however, the student must complete more than half the required credits at the University of Delaware. Professional and Continuing Studies students who have not yet been formally admitted to an associate-track program are encouraged to apply at the earliest possible date. (To receive an associate degree, Professional and Continuing Studies students must earn at least 12 credits after formal admission to the University.)

For more information, see the Arts and Sciences and Agriculture and Natural Resources undergraduate programs chapters in this catalog.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS. Students seeking an Associate in Arts degree must complete the elementary-level course in a foreign language. For an Associate in Science degree, students should complete the elementary-level language course only if it is required for the corresponding Bachelor of Science degree. A minimum grade-point index of 2.0 is required for all associate degrees. One semester before completing all degree requirements, students must take part in a degree-checkout session, coordinated by the office of the appropriate college dean. Except for students in the Parallel Program, candidates should be enrolled in the degree-awarding college.

GENERAL INFORMATION. For more information about associate degrees and admission requirements, or for catalogs and needed forms, call the Office of Admissions (302/831-8123), the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies ACCESS Centers (302/831-2741), the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (302/831-2508), or the University Advisement Center (302/831-1281). Educational counseling and academic advisement are available at the ACCESS Centers at locations in Wilmington, Newark, Dover and Georgetown. Students also may wish to refer to the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources undergraduate programs chapters of this catalog.

ENJOY FLEXIBILITY WITH INTERINSTITUTIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The University of Delaware, in cooperation with Delaware Technical & Community College, offers opportunities to continue toward a baccalaureate degree to students who complete associate degrees in specific technologies. Students in some majors may complete degree requirements by taking courses at University facilities in southern Delaware. It may be possible for part-time students to complete course work during the late afternoon and evening.

For information on associate/bachelor’s degree programs currently offered, please consult the contacts listed below.

Criminal Justice
Professor Eric Rise - 831-8679

Early Childhood Development and Education
CHEP Student Support Services - 831-2301

Electrical Engineering
Professor Charles Boncolet - 831-8008

Family and Community Services
CHEP Student Support Services - 831-2301

Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management
CHEP Student Support Services - 831-2301

Mathematics Secondary Education
Professor Jinfa Cai - 831-1879

Medical Technology
Professor Anna Ciulla - 831-2849

Nursing
Professor Madeline Lambrecht - 831-4549

All telephone numbers are in area code (302)

ADMISSION. To be eligible for the interinstitutional baccalaureate program, students must earn an associate degree or the equivalent in an appropriate technology from Delaware Technical & Community College. In most cases, associate-degree course work completed with a grade of C- or better can be transferred to the University. The balance of the bachelor’s degree requirements must be satisfied by completing University courses.
OPPORTUNITIES TO ENRICH YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

• Meet the Challenge of Enriched Degree Options
  - Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Distinction
  - Degrees with Distinction
  - Dean's Scholars Programs
• The Honors Experience: More than a Degree Program
  - Honors Courses
  - General Honors Award
  - The Honors Foreign Language Certificate
  - The Alison Scholars Program
  - The Writing Fellows Program
  - Private Music Instruction
  - The Honors Program Offices
  - Residence Life and Honors Housing
  - Russell Fellows
  - Senior Fellows
  - Freshman Fellows

MEET THE CHALLENGE OF ENRICHED DEGREE OPTIONS

The Honors Degree with Distinction, the Honors Degree, the Degree with Distinction and the Dean’s Scholars Programs allow exceptionally talented and dedicated undergraduate students to pursue their academic interests in greater depth and breadth than is required for the regular bachelor's degree. Achievement of these degrees is recorded on the official transcript and diploma. These degree options are open to all UD students who meet the requirements.

A candidate for an Honors Degree with Distinction, an Honors Degree, or a Degree with Distinction must satisfy the general University requirements and the degree requirements specified for the major by his or her college and departments.

HONORS DEGREE AND HONORS DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION.

The Honors Degree and the Honors Degree with Distinction are Delaware’s most comprehensive enriched undergraduate degree experiences, and are currently available in more than 90 majors (please see the Synopsis of Honors Baccalaureate Degrees chart on page viii in this catalog). The Honors Degree recognizes a student’s excellent performance in Honors coursework in and outside the primary major. The Honors Degree with Distinction recognizes a student’s completion of the research requirements for the Degree with Distinction in addition to the successful pursuit of Honors coursework throughout the degree program.

• UD’s Unique Undergraduate Research Opportunities
  - Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program
  - University Undergraduate Scholars
  - Science and Engineering Scholars
  - Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Scholars
  - CHEP Scholars
  - Research Centers
• First Year Experience
  - LIFE Program
  - Pathways
• UNIV Courses
• Study Abroad Opportunities
• Societies Honor Our Best Students

The complete requirements for an Honors Baccalaureate Degree are as follows:

I. The requirements for the baccalaureate degree in the major (including all University and college requirements), as well as any other specific requirements the major department may set for the Honors Degree.

II. The general requirements for the Honors Degree:
   A. University of Delaware cumulative grade-point index of at least 3.400 at the time of graduation
   B. At least 30 credits earned in Honors courses. Of these Honors credits:
      1. At least 12 must be in the major department or in courses in collateral disciplines specifically required for the major.
      2. At least 12 must be taken at the 300 level or higher, not the first-year interdisciplinary Honors colloquium (which is usually numbered 390).
      3. Three credits must be in an Honors Degree seminar or Honors capstone course or a comparable senior experience approved by the student's major department and the University Honors Program, to be completed in the last 2 semesters of a student’s degree program
      4. Plus additional Honors credits as needed to reach the 30 required Honors credits.

III. Submission of the Honors Degree Application Form to the University Honors Program by May 15 the year before a student is planning to graduate.
Honors coursework counting toward the Honors Degree cannot be taken on a pass-fail basis unless the course is only offered pass-fail.

The complete requirements for an Honors Baccalaureate Degree with Distinction are as follows:

I. The complete requirements for the Honors Baccalaureate Degree (see above).

II. Six credits of Honors thesis or project (UNIV 401/402) and the successful oral presentation of an acceptable thesis or project to a committee of faculty approved by the major department and the Undergraduate Research Program.

A. Six credits of Honors thesis may be counted as part of the 30 Honors credits required for the Honors Degree.

B. Completion of any additional specifications for the thesis or project set by the major department.

Honors coursework counting toward the Honors Degree with Distinction cannot be taken on a pass-fail basis unless the course is only offered pass-fail.

DEGREES WITH DISTINCTION.

A Degree with Distinction, which may be earned in any undergraduate major, is a research degree. Like the Honors Degree with Distinction, it includes a senior thesis or creative project with an oral defense before a faculty committee. Students receive a bachelor’s degree in the appropriate college and major with the notation that it was earned “with distinction.”

Candidates for the Degree with Distinction must meet the following conditions:

A. At the time of graduation, the candidate’s cumulative grade-point index must be at least 3.00 and his or her index in the major must be at least 3.50.

B. The candidate must complete six credits of thesis or project (UNIV 401 and UNIV 402) and give an oral presentation and defense of the thesis or project to a committee of faculty from the major department and related fields.

The Degree with Distinction entails no change in the regular requirements of a student’s program other than preparation and defense of a senior thesis or creative project.

DEAN’S SCHOLARS PROGRAMS.

The Dean’s Scholar Program exists to serve the needs of students whose clearly defined educational goals cannot effectively be achieved by pursuing the standard curricula for all existing majors, minors, and interdepartmental majors sponsored by the University. Driven by an overarching passion or curiosity that transcends typical disciplinary bounds and curricula, a Dean’s Scholar’s intellectual interests may lead to broad interdisciplinary explorations of an issue or to more intense, in-depth studies in a single field at a level akin to graduate work. In consultation with faculty advisors and the Associate or Assistant Dean of their college, Dean’s Scholars design an imaginative and rigorous individual plan of study to meet the total credit hours required for graduation. The Dean’s Scholar Program is available in the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Engineering; Health and Nursing Sciences; and Human Services, Education and Public Policy. Dean’s Scholars in Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Health and Nursing Sciences, and Human Services, Education and Public Policy may qualify for Honors Degrees. More information and the application procedures can be found at www.udel.edu/deansscholar/.

THE HONORS EXPERIENCE: MORE THAN A DEGREE PROGRAM

The University Honors Program (UHP) serves the many exceptionally talented undergraduate students who choose the University of Delaware. Eligible undergraduates study in smaller classes, where they receive special guidance from faculty members and individually tailored academic advising. Academic options for these students include a variety of Honors courses, undergraduate research, private music study, the Honors Foreign Language Certificate, the General Honors Award, four-year Honors Degrees in many majors, and the Degree with Distinction in all majors. (See the Degree Options section above.) Extensive extracurricular programming includes activities in the Honors Program Office and in Honors residence halls.

Honors Program students may pursue a degree in any of the University’s undergraduate colleges and more than 130 majors. For students who apply to enter the program during their first semester, Honors activities during the freshman year provide the educational foundation to conduct advanced study in any field. The freshman year also draws students into the campus community, promoting faculty-student interaction and shared interests among participants. Full-time Honors freshmen enroll in 12-15 credits of Honors courses, including an Honors Colloquium, by the end of the first year. Honors freshmen establish a close relationship with faculty advisors that continues throughout their academic careers.

Any University student who has a minimum 3.40 GPA and has taken two Honors courses and received a grade of B or better may apply for formal admission to the Honors Program. To be reviewed, a student must present a transcript, two letters of recommendation from Honors program faculty, and a completed application form (available at: www.udel.edu/honors/forms/insteamapplication.pdf or in the Honors Program Office). Applications are reviewed twice a year (October 15 and March 15); an appeal of the committee’s decision may be made to the Director of the Honors Program, who is not a member of the committee itself, and whose decision is final.

There is no added fee for participation in the Honors Program.

The University Honors Program has offices on the second floor of Elliott Hall, on Main Street. Please call (302) 831-1195 or visit www.udel.edu/honors for more information.

HONORS COURSES.

Many sections of Honors courses are offered each semester, in a wide array of disciplines. Honors courses provide highly motivated students an opportunity to interact intensively with faculty and other students in active-learning courses. These range from one-credit short courses and tutorials to interdisciplinary colloquia, undergraduate research, and independent study.

- Honors Colloquia. Each of these 3-credit interdisciplinary seminars for first-year Honors Program students is served by a Writing Fellow—a specially trained peer tutor who helps students refine the form, but not the content, of their papers, prior to grading by the instructor. Recent colloquium topics have included “Choosing the President,” “The Lessons of Vietnam,” “Imagination, Creativity, and Expression,” and “Shakespeare’s Classical World.”

- One-credit Honors Forums. Options typically include the Performing Arts Forum, “Women’s History through Film,” and “Fear and Loathing at the Podium.”

- Honors Tutorials. With a maximum of four students and one faculty member, a tutorial meets weekly for careful study of classic literary and philosophic texts. These courses satisfy the senior capstone requirement for the Honors Degrees.

- Honors Degree Seminars. These upper-division interdisciplinary seminars satisfy the senior capstone requirement for the Honors Degrees.

- Study Abroad. Honors courses may be arranged as part of the University’s numerous and varied Semester Abroad and Winter Session Abroad programs. Students also may complete research abroad through the Science and Engineering exchange with
Imperial College, London. Foreign Study Scholarships, open to all students, are available to defray travel expenses for every University-sponsored program. For scholarship information, contact the Office of Center for International Studies, (302) 831-2852; www.udel.edu/IntlProg.

Honors students who maintain a minimum GPA above 3.00 are granted priority seating in Honors courses.

**GENERAL HONORS AWARD.**

The General Honors Award provides recognition of a student’s pursuit of Honors challenges and enrichment opportunities during the first two years of university study. Receipt of the General Honors Award is recorded on a student’s permanent transcript.

The complete requirements for the General Honors Award are as follows:

I. Eighteen credits of Honors coursework completed within the first two years of study, with a minimum of 12 credits required in the first year.
II. Three credits of the 12 credits completed in the first year must include an interdisciplinary Honors colloquium course.
III. A minimum GPA of at least 3.000 at the conclusion of the first two years of study at the University.
IV. A minimum of 60 credits (including advanced placement and transfer credits) must be completed by the end of the second year, at least 48 of which must be earned at UD.
V. Residence in first-year Honors housing is required during the first year of study.
VI. Honors coursework counting toward the General Honors Award cannot be taken on a pass-fail basis unless the course is only offered pass-fail

**THE HONORS FOREIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE.**

The Honors Foreign Language Certificate is available to students in majors other than Foreign Languages and Literatures. For information on this opportunity, see the Foreign Languages and Literatures section of this catalog.

**THE ALISON SCHOLARS PROGRAM.**

The Alison Scholars Program is available, by invitation only, to a few selected Honors students who have a great love for the humanities and are likely to be candidates, not only for graduate or professional school admission, but also for prestigious awards and graduate fellowships, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, and Gates competitions. The program is named after Dr. Francis Alison, a colonial scholar and founder (in 1743) of the New London Academy, the forerunner of the University of Delaware.

The program includes Alison Scholars courses and special events that expose students to major issues in literature and the arts, science, politics, and world affairs; faculty mentors to help the Scholars plan their educations; and an early introduction to enriching activities, such as undergraduate research, study abroad, community service, internships, and service-learning experiences.

Alison Scholars enjoy some flexibility in meeting their General Education requirements. At Delaware, all College of Arts and Sciences students must complete a liberal arts core known as “Breadth Requirements.” While Alison Scholars must fulfill these requirements, they have greater freedom in the particular courses they choose; this freedom is designed to facilitate speedier entry into upper-level or graduate courses.

Fall 2004 Alison Scholars will be selected in March and April from students majoring in Arts and Sciences who have been offered Fall 2004 admission into the University Honors Program.

**THE WRITING FELLOWS PROGRAM.**

The Writing Fellows Program is a peer tutoring program that trains advanced undergraduate peer tutors to assist faculty in providing one-on-one instruction in writing to students enrolled in first-year Honors colloquia and other writing-intensive courses. It creates and supports a close intellectual community for students who are interested in the writing process. The Fellows gain valuable experience in teaching as well as in editing, and they often form close and productive relationships with the faculty members for whom they work. These Fellowships are also seen as significant and relevant achievements in admissions to graduate school, law school, academic internships, and jobs pre- and post-graduation. For more information, call (302) 831-6560.

**PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTION.**

Belonging to a diverse student body is an important part of the Honors Program experience at UD. Undergraduate research, study abroad, Honors tutorials, the options that comprise Honors Forum, and the many Honors extracurricular activities allow Honors students to pursue their own particular enthusiasms.

Private Music Instruction is yet another way of fostering individual talent. Typically, an unusually large percentage of Honors-calibre students are also accomplished musicians. Most of these students do not intend to major in music or to pursue a musical career. Nevertheless, they are quite serious about their music study. The Private Music Instruction option is designed to assist them.

Freshmen who are in the Honors Program may receive individual and small-group music instruction by passing an audition conducted by the Music Department. (Auditions are held at the start of Fall semester; information on registering for them is provided in Delaworld 101 new student orientation.) Please bear in mind that this program assumes that a student is already proficient in his or her instrument: it is not a program for beginners and placement is highly competitive.

After the freshman year a limited number of Music Merit Awards are available that allow non-Music majors to continue their music instruction. Because of the extraordinary demands on faculty that one-on-one and small-group instruction involves, these awards are the only opportunity that non-Music majors or minors have for private music instruction.

The Department of Music offers instruction in string instruments, brass and woodwinds, keyboard instruments, percussion, and voice. There are extensive opportunities for all students to participate in music ensembles, including the 250-member University of Delaware Marching Band, the Concert Band, the University Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Ensemble, the Gamelan Ensemble, plus numerous small ensembles, such as Delaware Steel. The University Singers, the Schola Cantorum, the Collegium Musicum, and Opera Workshop, and the Chorale are the main vocal ensembles. In addition, University of Delaware students often perform with the Newark Symphony and the Delaware Symphony.

For more information, please telephone the Honors Program (302) 831-2340 or the Music Department (302) 831-2577.

**THE HONORS PROGRAM OFFICES.**

The Honors Program offices are located on the second floor of Elliott Hall, on Main Street. Elliott Hall, one of the University’s restored historic buildings, is located at the top of The Green, just down the street from the Trabant University Center. The Honors Program professional staff provides advising and mentoring to students. The third floor of Elliott Hall houses Writing Fellow tutoring space, as well as a few computers for University Honors Program student use. Summer College offices are also located on the second floor of Elliott Hall. For more information on Summer College, see page 18 in this catalog.

**RESIDENCE LIFE AND HONORS HOUSING.**

Full-time Honors freshmen live in the Russell Residence Complex, situated in East Campus, a popular location that is a short
walk from the University’s Morris Library. East Campus is also home to the Perkins Student Center, the Harrington Fitness Center, and the Harrington Computer Site (which includes both IBM-compatible and Macintosh computers). Russell has its own dining hall. Living in Russell is a requirement for the first year in Honors, although it is possible to obtain a waiver of this requirement if a student plans to live at home and commute to campus.

Approximately 60-65% of the freshmen in the Russell Complex are in the Honors Program. This mix of students in the Honors Program and students not in the Program is deliberate: Honors students are not isolated from the rest of the campus. They share a sense of community with each other, while participating fully in University-wide activities.

Upperclass students in Honors reside wherever they choose. Some move to upperclass Honors floors or to other special-interest housing; others choose conventional housing on- or off-campus. Upperclass Honors housing is available in North Central in Brown, Sypherd, Harker, and Sharp Halls and in South Central in Cannon and New Castle Halls on the beautiful University of Delaware Green. Honors Program students with a minimum 3.00 cum GPA are guaranteed a space in upper class Honors housing.

**RUSSELL FELLOWS.**

Russell Fellows are upperclass Honors students who live in the Russell Complex and mentor the Honors freshmen. Russell Fellows help the freshmen adjust to college life, and plan on-campus activities and off-campus excursions, including trips to New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington for athletic events, concerts, museum tours, and theatre performances.

**SENIOR FELLOWS.**

Senior Fellows are upperclass Honors students who volunteer to coordinate academic, cultural, and social programming on- and off-campus for students living in upperclass Honors housing, with special emphasis on programs that include interaction with University faculty.

**FRESHMEN FELLOWS.**

Freshmen Fellows are freshmen living in Russell Complex who assist Russell Fellows with on- and off campus programming.

**UD’S UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES.**

Delaware’s unique Undergraduate Research Program encourages highly motivated undergraduates, beginning with the freshman level, to serve as junior members of research teams, working with faculty mentors. Through hands-on experience, students learn to formulate significant questions, develop investigative procedures, gather and examine evidence, make mistakes, follow hunches, detect loopholes, and evaluate and report results.

Undergraduates usually receive academic credit for research activities or students who hold college work-study grants may earn their grant money. In the summer, a salary or stipend is often possible. Some students explore career options through undergraduate research, and many make original contributions to their chosen fields.

The University’s Undergraduate Research Program promotes undergraduate interest in research by serving as a general information source. The Program also administers the Degree with Distinction and the senior thesis portion of the Honors Degree with Distinction requirements, and it offers research funding in the form of Undergraduate Research Grants (to defray the research expenses of students and their faculty sponsors) and Scholarships (to enable selected students to work on research full time during the summer).

Each year, the Undergraduate Research Program sponsors a spring symposium and invites all Honors Degree with Distinction and Degree with Distinction students to present their research findings. Science, Engineering and CHEP Scholars present an annual poster session, and McNair, UUS, Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Scholars present their work at annual research events.

For more information, visit the Undergraduate Research Office website at urp.udeL.edu/UR, send e-mail to Undergrad Research@udel.edu, or call the office at (302) 831-8995.

Five scholarship programs are available for students interested in undergraduate research:

**RONALD E. McNAIR POST BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:**

A research-based program designed especially for students seeking to place their research experience in the context of future graduate study, the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program promotes academic and personal excellence among undergraduate students interested in attaining a doctoral degree. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the McNair Program recruits talented, eligible undergraduates from all colleges at the University of Delaware. McNair Scholars are a community who value intellectual exchange and debate and the development of the life of the mind. Twenty-two McNair Scholars are funded each year.

Focusing on graduate school preparation, the McNair Program demystifies the graduate school application process and provides students with a simulated graduate school experience. The program offers a scholarly environment whereby students receive academic, financial, and social support, as well as competitive stipends; one-on-one faculty mentoring; academic and financial aid advising; an intensive undergraduate summer research internship; graduate school preparation seminars; GRE preparation courses; research methodologies, statistics, and ethics course(s); a graduate school visitation program; cultural and social programs; a national McNair networking program; and graduate school application & GRE fee waivers. Visit the program website at:

http://www.udel.edu/mcnair or call (302) 831-4396 for a complete listing of eligibility requirements and a full overview of program services.

**UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS:**

The University Undergraduate Scholars Program aims to prepare talented students for graduate study through an intensive undergraduate research experience, academic enrichment, and a diverse living/learning community. University Undergraduate Scholars are eligible for a combination of services from the Undergraduate Research Program and the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

Five to ten University Undergraduate Scholars are funded each year to participate in a ten-week summer immersion undergraduate research experience with a faculty member in the field they hope to enter. These Scholars participate fully in McNair community-building experiences such as weekly group dinners, reading groups, and other social/cultural events. They meet the same obligations as the federally funded McNair Scholars, participate in McNair’s full academic enrichment program, including participation in a graduate school seminar series, take part in graduate school visitations, present their research-in-progress at national McNair and/or Undergraduate Research conferences, and are given the opportunity to present their research in UD symposia and poster sessions. Scholars receive full individual advisement from McNair program staff, including advisement about graduate programs most appropriate to their interests and abilities, as well as individual review and critique of their graduate school application materials.
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARS:
The Science and Engineering Scholars Program combines the resources of the University's science and engineering colleges and research centers, the Undergraduate Research Program, and industrial sponsors to offer selected students in-depth research apprenticeships in all areas of science and engineering. Participating colleges are Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Health and Nursing Sciences, and Marine Studies.

Up to 80 research scholarships of $3,500 each are awarded to outstanding sophomore majors in the sciences and engineering. Students serve a 10-week full-time research apprenticeship to a faculty member during the summer between the sophomore and junior years. They continue as research assistants during the junior year, usually in the Winter Session. Research during the academic year may be counted in most departments as one technical elective course or one elective course in the major.

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS:
The Arts, Humanities and Social Science Scholars Program enables selected sophomore and junior majors in the humanities and social science disciplines and in art to do in-depth research or creative work with University faculty.

Up to 40 research scholarships of $3,500 each are awarded. Students work on their projects full-time for ten weeks in the summer and continue to do three credits of research in the following academic year. The research done during the academic year may be part of the senior thesis for the Degree with Distinction or Honors Degree with Distinction.

CHEP SCHOLARS:
The College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy (CHEP) offers up to ten $3,500 awards to sophomore and junior majors in the College, enabling them to do in-depth research with faculty in the College. Students work on their projects full-time for ten weeks in the summer and continue to do three credits of research in the following academic year. The research done during the academic year may be part of the senior thesis for the Degree with Distinction or Honors Degree with Distinction.

RESEARCH CENTERS.
Students interested in research should be aware that the University serves as home to a number of specialized research units described in the chapter "Research Center, Institutes and Special Facilities" in this catalog. Many of these units offer internship opportunities for undergraduate students.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

LIFE (LEARNING: INTEGRATED FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE)
LIFE is an academic living-learning experience for first-year college students. LIFE freshman students form a small learning community organized around several of their academic courses (in which, typically, sixteen students are co-enrolled), an academic theme, and out-of-class experiences integrating the courses and themes. The sixteen students are a cohort within the existing structure of the academic courses. Some LIFE clusters are targeted to specific majors or careers while other LIFE clusters have more broadly organized academic themes.

Most clusters have the LIFE students living together, although there are a few LIFE clusters organized without the residential component. Groups of first-year students enrolled in each cluster are housed in the same residence hall community. These students are also co-enrolled in two academic courses, as well as a co-curricular course, University 101: First-Year Experience (a one-credit, P/F seminar) and cluster variations include Honors, University Studies, Associate in Arts Program, and off campus residence students. The academic courses that comprise LIFE clusters are regular University courses, containing both LIFE and non-LIFE students. In general, the courses are taught as they would be if they were not part of LIFE.

Each cluster has a Peer Mentor, an advanced undergraduate student, who helps students make the adjustment to the academic life of the University, facilitates the activities in UNIV 101, and, in general, ensures seriousness of purpose and academic quality in the co-curricular experiences of the LIFE students. The Peer Mentors are enrolled in the seminar course UNIV 301/302: Peer Mentor Practicum. Each cluster also has a Faculty Contact, typically the instructor for one of the two academic courses of the LIFE cluster. The Faculty Contact provides counsel for the cluster and helps the Peer Mentor and students in the cluster explore academic issues related to the cluster theme. LIFE students meet a minimum of once per semester with the Faculty Contact. Each LIFE cluster develops a project related to the LIFE cluster theme. LIFE Fest is the public forum presenting each LIFE cluster project at the end of the semester.

PATHWAYS
"Pathways to Discovery" courses are thematic, integrative courses for first-year students, designed to introduce students to the academic resources of the university and to teach basic intellectual skills required for a successful undergraduate experience. Pathways courses are intended to offer students opportunities to approach topics of general interest from cross-, inter-, or multi-disciplinary perspectives. These courses are often collaboratively designed by teams of faculty from different disciplines. Pathways courses employ various pedagogies, including discussion groups, problem-based learning, peer mentoring, and other collaborative teaching methods.

UNIV COURSES
UNIV courses are undergraduate courses which provide opportunities beyond existing department courses. These courses enhance the undergraduate education for motivated students seeking more direct involvement with faculty in experiential practice. UNIV courses include teaching experience as group tutor, peer facilitator/instructor, workshop guide, and undergraduate teaching assistant; learning experience as discovery learning, service learning, fieldwork, co-op, apprenticeship, and internship; and research experience such as fieldwork and laboratory work. Students enroll under the supervision of faculty with permission. UNIV courses may not substitute major courses required in the department curriculum.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
If you're an undergraduate interested in adding an international element to your education, consider study abroad. No matter what your college or major, you can take advantage of semester, winter, or summer course offerings in a wide variety of disciplines and countries. The Center for International Studies (CFIS) invites you to explore the world, enrich your academic experience, and enhance your understanding of other peoples, places, and ways of life.

Interested in spending a semester abroad? Fall semester locations include London, Paris, and Granada (Spain); spring semester locations include Costa Rica, London, Paris, Siena (Italy), and Granada. Summer programs are directed by an on-site coordinator, and courses are taught by local faculty. Except for foreign language courses and programs, courses are taught in English, and students earn regular UD academic credit applicable toward graduation and fulfilling academic requirements as specified. If you are already proficient in French, Italian, or Spanish, you can take advantage of language-based programs (Paris, Siena, Costa Rica,
OPPORTUNITIES TO ENRICH YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

and Granada) offered through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Summer Session destination sites include Chur (Switzerland), Kobe (Japan), Paris, Granada, London and many more.

Winter Session abroad typically expands its geographical reach every year, as more and more departments sponsor programs. University faculty direct the programs and teach regular credit courses. If you would like to study abroad, but for less than a semester, consider taking Winter Session courses abroad.

For the latest offerings throughout the year, please visit the Study Abroad web site at: www.udel.edu/studyabroad.

Internships are offered on a limited basis through the London program during the semesters.

All study abroad participants enroll for a regular academic schedule and pay regular University tuition. Tuition and program fees usually cover airfare, housing for the duration of the program, planned group excursions, and many cultural activities. Some meals may be covered by the program fee, depending on the program. A limited number of travel study merit and need-based scholarships are available on a competitive basis.

CFIS also offers a number of exchange programs with other institutions including Jönköping Institute for Business Studies (Sweden), Université de Lyon II (France), Bond University (Australia), and others. The German-American Federation Scholarship program (for a year of study in Germany) and Denmark International Semester (DIS) are also available through the Center for International Studies.

If you would like guidance on which study abroad opportunity is right for you, call the Center for International Studies (302) 831-2852 or visit our office at 186 S. College Avenue.

SOCIETIES HONOR OUR BEST STUDENTS

Phi Beta Kappa. Established in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest honorary society on the American campus. A local chapter, Alpha of Delaware, was approved by the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa in September 1955 and was installed in April 1956. Generally, seniors majoring in the liberal arts and demonstrating superior scholarship are eligible for election.

Alpha Lambda Delta. Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes excellent scholarship in any academic field during the freshman year.

Phi Kappa Phi. Juniors and seniors ranking high in scholarship in any academic field are elected each year to this society. Two members of the faculty are also elected each year. Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the national honor society that elects undergraduate and graduate students who have accomplished excellent scholarship in any academic field. The fifth chapter of the society was chartered at the University of Delaware in 1905. There are now over 285 chapters nationwide. For information, call the Undergraduate Research Program Office, (302) 831-6999.

Societies that recognize attainment in special academic fields are Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Alpha Mu Alpha (marketing), Alpha Zeta (agriculture), Beta Alpha Psi (accounting), Beta Beta Beta (biology), Beta Gamma Sigma (business administration), Chi Epsilon (civil engineering), Delta Phi Alpha (German), Dobro Slovo (Slavic), Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering), FMA Honor Society (finance and banking), Gamma Kappa Alpha (Italian), Golden Key (no single field), Kappa Delta Pi (education), Kappa Omicron Nu (human resources), Mu Iota Sigma (management information systems), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics), Order of Omega (Greek honorary), Phi Alpha Theta (history), Phi Delta Kappa (education), Phi Delta Tau (philosophy), Pi Delta Phi (French), Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science), Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering), Psi Chi (psychology), Sigma Delta Phi (Spanish), Sigma Iota Rho (international relations), Sigma Tau Delta (English), Sigma Theta Tau (nursing), Sigma Xi (science) and Tau Beta Pi (engineering).

Information may be obtained by calling the relevant academic department offices.
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By enrolling, a student agrees to comply with University rules, regulations and academic standards. A student may be dropped, suspended or expelled for academic or disciplinary reasons if University officers or faculty committee members determine that the student is not profiting by attendance, or that such action is in the best interest of the University of Delaware.

The University strives to uphold the highest possible standards of academic honesty, responsible computing, and personal privacy. Students are required to abide by the Code of Conduct as published in the Student Guide to University Policies (www.udel.edu/stuguide/current).

Students accused of a violation of the Code of Conduct are subject to a hearing procedure and possible disciplinary action. For more complete information on rules governing student conduct, please refer to the online Student Guide to University Policies (www.udel.edu/stuguide/current), published by the Office of Campus Life.

INTRODUCTION

To promote high academic standards and a positive learning environment for all students, every institution of higher learning sets forth degree requirements and community rules. These policies address such issues as curricula and courses, majors and minors, campus residency and student conduct. Faculty advisors, program directors, and deans can provide specific information concerning these requirements, but the student is solely responsible for understanding and complying with them. Since policies may change from time to time, students are responsible for being aware of these changes and are urged to play an active role in staying informed about current requirements. Generally the University's web site (www.udel.edu) is the best source for up-to-date versions of policies.
BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR WORK

Academic honesty and integrity lie at the heart of any educational enterprise. Students are expected to be honest and forthright in all their academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal or plagiarize the words or ideas of another, to cheat on an examination or to allow another person to commit an act of academic dishonesty corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced. In accordance with University policy, all acts or attempted acts of alleged academic dishonesty must be reported to the Office of Judicial Affairs. The Faculty Member, in consultation with a representative from the Office of Judicial Affairs, will decide if the violation will be adjudicated through the Student Judicial System or if the Faculty Member will resolve the matter without a formal judicial hearing. In the latter case, the Faculty Member must have the agreement of all students directly affected. (See the online Student Guide to University Policies for complete information.)

When in doubt about plagiarism and other acts of academic honesty, students should consult with individual faculty members. Instructors will gladly explain their expectations for ethical academic conduct.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF THE COMPUTER AGE

Use of the University's extensive computing resources - for course assignments, research projects, electronic mail, and access to information resources available on the Internet - should be considered a privilege. Students must abide by the policies and procedures governing use of these resources. Under the Policy for Responsible Computing (www.udel.edu/ecce/policy.approved.html), all students must assume responsibility for the integrity of these resources, respect the rights of other computing users, and abide by all relevant laws and contractual obligations. The University has initiated an educational campaign - The Code of the Web - to convey the importance of the many issues related to responsible computing (www.udel.edu/codeoftheweb/). Students alleged to violate the responsible computing policy will be subject to full disciplinary action within the Student Judicial System, up to and including loss of computing privileges, suspension, or expulsion. Questions about responsible computing may be directed to the IT Help Center (302) 831-6000.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 grants students certain rights, privileges, and protections relative to individually identifiable student educational records that are maintained by the University. Specifically: (1) Students' education records (with the exception of directory information) will be released to third parties outside the University only with the written consent of the student. The University reserves the right to release education records to appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency or when the student's well being is of concern. (2) Students have the right to inspect their own individually identifiable education records. This right may be exercised by completing a request form in the Office of the University Registrar, Hullihan Hall. (3) Students have the right to challenge information contained in individually identifiable educational records. The procedure for challenge is described in the policy statement. A copy of the policy statement describing the University's regulations for the interpretation and implementation of this act may be obtained from the Student Services Building on Lovett Avenue in Newark, and is available online at: www.udel.edu/registrar/ferpa.html

DIRECTORY INFORMATION.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act permits the release of directory information to third parties outside the institution without written consent of the student provided the student has been given the opportunity to withhold such disclosure.

The University releases, upon inquiry to third parties outside the University, directory information without written consent of the student. Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, college, class major, dates of attendance, and degrees, honors, and awards conferred. Students may withhold directory information by contacting the Registrar's Office or by going to the Student Services Building and completing a directory information withholding request form.

NOTE: While the withholding request may be made at any time, students wishing to have directory information withheld from the Campus Directory should submit their requests no later than six weeks prior to the first day of fall semester classes.

THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD ACADEMIC SUCCESS

OUR ADVISORS GET TO KNOW YOU

Faculty or other specially trained personnel act as advisors for undergraduate students. Entering freshmen are assigned to an advisor or advisement center affiliated with the student's college or program. If students later change their college or field of concentration, they are assigned to a different advisor familiar with courses and requirements in the new field. (Please see the "You May Change Your Major" section in this chapter.) To determine who your advisor is, you may call your major department or academic dean's office, or you may access this information through the SIS+ Personal Access website at www.udel.edu/Registrar/sispa1.html.

Freshmen are required to consult their advisors for assistance in proper planning and registration for academic work. All students are urged to contact their advisors periodically to schedule a conference. Students are encouraged to discuss their academic program with their advisors and inform them of their progress. The most successful students tend to be those who meet with their advisors regularly, at least once each semester.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES IN ADVANCE

Matriculated students register in advance for spring and fall semesters based on the following schedule:

a. Registration periods for returning matriculated undergraduate students are scheduled in late April for fall semester and in late November for spring semester. Prior to registration, students should consult their academic advisors regarding course selection.

b. Newly admitted undergraduate students register during DelaWorld 101, which includes academic advisement. (Read about DelaWorld 101 in the Undergraduate Admissions chapter.)

c. Readmitted students are notified of applicable registration procedures and will be assigned an academic advisor to assist them in their course selection.

Advance registration periods also precede the summer and winter sessions.

If a student is dropped from the University after registering in advance, his or her registration will be canceled, and fees will be refunded.

Students will not receive academic credit unless they are properly registered.
CHANGE YOUR REGISTRATION AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON

Students who have registered in advance may drop or add courses using SIS+ Personal Access, the interactive student information system available on the Web. SIS+ Personal Access is available on electronic kiosks on campus, or by using a secure web browser at computing sites on campus, from campus housing or through a network connection at home or residence hall room. Specified dates for using the SIS+ Personal Access drop/add system are announced in each registration booklet. Typically, the service is available a few weeks before course work begins for each term.

The University strongly encourages all students to finalize course selections before the first day of classes. Nevertheless, students may still drop or add a course, or specify audit or pass/fail status using SIS+ Personal Access during the first 10 days of classes in the fall and spring, or during the first four days of winter and summer session classes. Students who change to or from a pass/fail status at any time should consult with an advisor. Freshmen should consult with their advisors before making any registration changes. All changes in registration, particularly those made using SIS+ during non-business hours, are subject to review by the University Registrar before they are considered final.

To add courses after the first 10 class days in the fall and spring or after the first four class days in winter and summer, students need approval from the instructor and the appropriate college dean. Other registration changes are permitted until the Academic Penalty Deadline, at the end of the eighth week of the semester or comparable period in Winter and Summer.

Students will receive a grade of "W" unless they withdraw from a course during the first 10 class days in the fall and spring, or during the first four class days in winter and summer. The University offers no tuition rebates for registration changes made after this period, and students who make late changes must pay a one-time $20 fee.

In extraordinary cases, a college dean may permit registration changes after the Academic Penalty Deadline. Students will not be permitted to drop courses simply to avoid a poor grade, even in circumstances resulting from a student change of major or due to a student registration error. A student may be allowed to withdraw from courses after the deadline at the discretion of the dean only when:

a. The student officially withdraws or is withdrawn from the University, or from all courses;

b. Medical reasons, substantiated by the University physician or University psychiatrist, warrant a reduction in the student's course load; or

c. Unusual and extenuating personal problems warrant a reduction of the student's course load.

Even in these cases, a grade of WF will be entered for any course that the student is failing at the time of withdrawal, unless the dean of the student's college indicates that the withdrawal is without penalty. Any requests for changes in academic records must be referred to the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification, through the office of the student's dean.

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICIES

THE BEST STUDENTS SHOW UP FOR CLASS

Students are expected to attend all their scheduled classes and laboratories and not to be absent without adequate reason. Deficiency in any required work resulting from absence from class must be made up to the satisfaction of the instructor.

A student who is absent from a course without adequate reason may be assigned a failing grade. Students who are registered as Auditors are subject to the same attendance regulations as those registered for credit. Those Auditors who are reported for their excessive absence from class will receive a grade of LW in the course.

By action of the Faculty Senate, the responsibility for defining attendance expectations is left to the individual faculty member, subject to the guidelines given below. Thus it is of great importance that early in each course the instructor make clear to each student what the attendance expectations are, and how absences due to "relatively minor" illnesses, as described below, are to be communicated. Students should check the syllabus for attendance expectations and means of communicating about minor illnesses.

It is the policy of the University of Delaware not to cancel classes on religious holidays. However, students and faculty are encouraged to exercise their own judgment pertaining to their attendance on these days. In addition, faculty are encouraged not to schedule examinations or require the submission of special assignments on the following days: the evenings before as well as the first two days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the fall term, Good Friday and the evening before and the first two days of Passover in the spring semester.

a. Absence on religious holidays listed in University calendars is recognized as an excused absence. Nevertheless, students are urged to remind the instructor of their intention to be absent on a particular upcoming holiday.

b. Absences on religious holidays not listed in University calendars, as well as absences due to athletic participation or other extracurricular activities in which students are official representatives of the University, shall be recognized as excused absences when the student informs the instructor in writing during the first two weeks of the semester of these planned absences for the semester. Absences due to similar events that could not have been anticipated earlier in the semester will be recognized as excused absences upon advanced notification of the instructor by an appropriate faculty advisor or athletic coach.

c. Absences due to serious illness or death within a student's family are recognized as excused absences. To validate such absences, the student should present evidence to the Dean's Office of his or her college. The Dean's Office will then provide a letter of verification to all of the student's instructors for the term.

d. Absences due to serious illness of the student (e.g., hospitalization, surgery, or protracted medical illness or convalescence) shall also be recognized as excused absences. To validate such absences, the student should present evidence of the illness to the Dean's Office of his or her college. Supportive evidence will be provided on the student's request by Student Health Services directly to the respective Dean.

For relatively minor, short-term illnesses of students (e.g., colds and flu, where attendance in class is undesirable), or their immediate family, the University system depends upon reasonable communication between students and faculty. If possible, students should report such illnesses before the affected class, following the directions of the instructor as provided at the beginning of the semester.

e. Absence due to short-term military duty in the National Guard or active reserve is recognized as an excused absence. To validate such an absence, the student should present evidence to the Dean's Office of his or her college. The Dean's Office will then provide a letter of verification to all of the student's instructors for the term.

f. Students are not to be penalized if absent from an examination, lecture, laboratory, or other activity because of an excused absence. However, students are fully responsible for all material presented during their absence, and faculty are encouraged to provide opportunities when feasible, for students to make up
examinations and other work missed because of an excused absence.
Authority for excusing all class absences rests with the instructor.

CLAIM YOUR SEAT, EARLY AND OFTEN!

Classes are sometimes over-subscribed, and it is not always possible to accommodate all requests for assigned seats. To address this problem, the University has established a seat claim policy. Seat assignment in classes is based on such factors as earned credit hours, major, course status and intended audience. Students are expected to occupy their confirmed, assigned seats within a reasonable period of time. By action of the Faculty Senate, the following policy applies to all classes:

Unless excused by the faculty member, students holding a confirmed assigned seat in a class will have relinquished their seat if they have not personally appeared in class to claim the seat by the third meeting for a class scheduled to meet three times a week, by the second meeting for a class scheduled twice a week, by the third meeting of a class scheduled to meet five times a week, or by the second meeting for a class scheduled once a week. If the student does not claim the seat within the time limit specified above, and does not drop the course, the instructor has the option of assigning the student a grade of "Z" at the end of the term. It is the responsibility of the student to drop each course that he/she does not plan to attend, even when the student's registration is canceled for non-payment of fees. Failure to drop a course will result in a grade of "Z".

TAKE A BREAK FOR SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Undergraduate students who wish to engage in activities related to their educational objectives that would involve discontinuing registration at the University for up to one year may be eligible for a Leave of Absence, upon the approval of their college dean. Students should consult their academic deans on procedures for obtaining an Academic Leave of Absence.

IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A matriculated undergraduate who needs to discontinue studies for medical reasons (e.g., surgery, pregnancy, illness, rehabilitation and other health-related circumstances) can request a medical leave of absence of no more than two semesters. Verification for the medical leave of absence must be presented to the appropriate college dean when the application for leave is made.

If a medical leave is granted, the student may later resume his or her studies without applying for readmission. If a student cannot return to the University at the end of the medical leave, his or her dean should be consulted.

A medical leave does not negate the student's financial responsibility to the University. Financial aid recipients should contact the Financial Aid Office at the earliest possible opportunity. Participants in the University's health insurance plan will be covered only during the year when the student was enrolled (September 1 through August 31); coverage will not extend beyond this period.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY

Students may interrupt their studies for up to 15 consecutive months, and still remain in their degree programs. This grace period begins at the end of the student's last semester of enrollment. During the grace period, students need not apply for readmission to register for classes.

Students who withdraw before the fall or spring semesters, or before the Academic Penalty Deadline (after the eighth week of class) may avoid any academic penalty by filling out the Withdrawal/Leave Notification Form through the Office of Campus Life, 218 Hullihen Hall, or the office of the dean of the student's college.

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DELWARE’S GRADING SYSTEM

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Undergraduate students must achieve an overall cumulative grade point index of at least 2.0 for graduation.

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D+ 1.33 quality points per credit
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F Failure 0.00 quality points per credit
X - Failure (Academic Dishonesty) 0.00 quality points per credit
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L - Listener - Registration without credit or grade. Class attendance is required, but class participation is not.

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NR - No grade required.

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PASS/FAIL IS SOMETIMES AN OPTION

Some courses are offered only on a pass/fail basis. In addition, each semester matriculated students have the option to take one course that is offered on a letter-grade basis as a pass/fail course. The total number of credits earned on a pass/fail basis may not exceed 24 in the baccalaureate degree program, excluding those courses that are graded pass/fail only. In addition, a course taken on a pass/fail basis cannot be used to fulfill the University multicultural requirement.

Some colleges do not permit pass/fail courses to be used to complete degree requirements, and in most instances a pass/fail course can only be used as a free elective. Sometimes a student may take a "free elective" course on a pass/fail basis, then later change to a college or major which classifies that course as a requirement. In that event, upon petition through the dean's office, the letter grade earned in the course may be posted and the student may receive credit for fulfilling a course requirement. Students are encouraged to consult with and obtain approval from their advisors in the selection of courses to be taken on a pass/fail basis.

Even when students complete a course on a pass/fail basis, the instructor will assign a regular grade, which is available for review by deans, advisors and committees. If the student has a grade of A, B, C or D (plus or minus), a grade of P will be listed on the report of grades and on the transcript. If the student receives a grade of F, it will be recorded on the permanent record. A passing grade will not be counted in the GPA. A failing grade under the pass/fail option will be counted in the GPA.

HOW YOUR INDEX IS CALCULATED

The cumulative grade point index (also known as GPA) is computed by dividing the total number of quality points by the total number of quality hours. The quality points for each course are obtained by multiplying the quality point value for each grade by the credits for that course; e.g., a grade of A in a three credit course would earn 12 quality points (4 quality points x 3 credits). A minimum average of C, or a scholastic index of 2.0, in all work taken at the University of Delaware is required for the baccalaureate degree. Both term and GPAs are calculated and reported to students after each grading period.

A grade of Z is equal to a grade of F in calculating the index (0 quality points per credit). For courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis, F grades are included in the calculation of the grade point index, but P grades are not. All other grades for courses taken for credit at the University are included in the calculation of the index, including the first and last grades for courses that have been repeated. The credits for courses repeated to improve a grade are counted only once toward the minimum required for graduation.

If a baccalaureate degree has been awarded previously from the University of Delaware and then the student returns to another academic degree program, a separate grade point index will be calculated for the second program. However, a single grade point index is calculated for students who elect to pursue more than one baccalaureate degree simultaneously.

Credits and quality points for courses completed elsewhere and transferred to the University will not be included in the student's University of Delaware cumulative grade point index.

MAINTAIN YOUR GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Students are expected to maintain an overall average of C (2.0 grade point index), and full-time students must enroll in at least 12 credits per semester. Academic probation or dismissal may result when the quality-point deficit is more than 12.99 points.

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION (CURC):

This committee implements University policy regarding scholastic standing. Specifically, the committee reviews the records of matriculated students after each fall and spring semester, and investigates petitions regarding scholastic standing, which may be
submitted by students prior to graduation. Students must submit petitions through their academic dean’s office. For more information, see www.udel.edu/provost/curc.html

QUALITY POINT DEFICIT:

Quality point deficits are used to determine scholastic standing; these deficits begin to accumulate when a student’s cumulative grade point index falls below 2.0. The quality point deficit is determined by subtracting the cumulative number of quality points from twice the cumulative number of quality hours. (Quality hours are accumulated only for courses receiving grades of A, B, C, D (plus or minus), F, X and Z.)

PROBATION:

When a baccalaureate degree candidate has a cumulative grade point index below 2.0, the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification places the student on Academic Probation if the quality point deficit is 12.99 points or less. Students on probation may not register for more than 12 credit hours (generally four academic courses), excluding military science, physical education activity, and SkillsMod courses.

DISMISSAL FOR ACADEMIC DEFICIENCY:

A student with a quality point deficit of more than 12.99 points will be dropped for academic deficiency, pending review by the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification. The Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification (CURC) reviews the case of each student who is pending dismissal. These reviews occur in mid-January for students dropped at the end of the fall semester, and in mid-June for students dropped at the end of the spring semester. Students with serious extenuating circumstances, such as a documented serious illness or documented personal problems, may petition through their dean’s office for potential reinstatement on special probation. Approval of such petitions may be granted by CURC, upon the recommendation of the dean’s office.

For more information, see www.udel.edu/provost/curc.html.

REINSTATEMENT ON SPECIAL PROBATION:

In extraordinary cases, the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification may, upon recommendation from the dean’s office, place a student on Special Probation - even if he or she has a quality point deficit of more than 12.99. Special Probation is granted only when extenuating circumstances exist, and when evidence suggests that the student will be able to meet academic standards if given an additional opportunity.

Students on Special Probation may remain enrolled at the University with a quality point deficit of more than 12.99 quality points. But if the quality point deficit increases, or if it fails to decrease, the student will be dismissed.

Freshman students in academic difficulty may be held on Special Probation through the spring semester if they have a quality point deficit of 12.99 or more at the end of the fall semester. Their registration for winter and spring courses must be supervised by the department or college advisor.

PROCEDURE FOR READMISSION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS DISMISSED FOR ACADEMIC DEFICIENCY:

Undergraduates may be dismissed for academic deficiency when the quality point deficit is more than 12.99 points. Students dropped for academic reasons may take courses in the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies to reduce the quality point deficit to less than 7. The student may be eligible for readmission after the quality point deficit has been lowered to less than 7.

Only final grades of C+ or better will reduce the quality point deficit. Grades of C- or lower increase the quality point deficit.

Students dropped after fall semester are not eligible for readmission the following spring, except with permission of the dean’s office. Students who qualify for readmission will not be guaranteed admission to the program in which they previously matriculated.

With prior approval from the dean’s office, a student also may qualify for readmissions by completing work at another institution. Such work will not count toward the student’s cumulative grade-point index, and it will not help lower the actual quality point deficit. But, if grades earned elsewhere would, if earned at Delaware, be high enough to lower the student’s Delaware quality point deficit to less than 7, the student may be considered for readmission on Special Probation.

Any readmitted student who is dismissed a second time for unsatisfactory scholarship will not be admitted again as a matriculated student seeking degree credit, except under conditions specified by the college and the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies.

PROCEDURE FOR READMISSION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FOR REASONS OTHER THAN ACADEMIC DEFICIENCY:

A formal application for readmission must be filed if an undergraduate student:

- Was withdrawn for academic deficiency;
- Was separated for disciplinary reasons;
- Had a break in enrollment of 15 months; or
- Has completed one degree program and desires to enroll in an additional undergraduate degree program.

All readmitted students will be subject to the current requirements of the program and college in which they enroll. As much as possible, prior course work will be accepted toward the degree. Course work that has been taken more than seven calendar years earlier will be reviewed for applicability, and an individual department may require repetition of “outdated” courses.

Readmission applications and additional information on procedures are available from the Admissions Office. Students seeking readmission must pay a $25 fee for application processing.

THE DEAN’S LIST: HONORING THOSE WITH TOP SEMESTER GRADES

The Dean’s List, an honor conferred at the end of the fall and spring semesters, recognizes outstanding academic performance by students. Full-time students (12 credits/semester) who have earned a minimum 3.33 GPA for a given semester are honored with Dean’s List recognition for that semester. (For students entering prior to the class of 1998, the minimum requirement is a 3.25 semester GPA.)

Students assigned temporary grades are not eligible for inclusion in the Dean’s List, unless the grade is for a thesis, special problems or similar courses in which work normally continues into the following semester.

EARNING ENOUGH CREDITS TO GRADUATE

WHAT YEAR ARE YOU?

A student’s year (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior) is based on the number of earned credit hours at the time of admission. Students with 27 or fewer credits earned toward the degree will be classified as freshmen. Those with 28 to 59 credits will be classified as sophomores. Those with 60 to 89 credits will be classified as
juniors, and those with 90 or more credits will be classified as seniors. Your advisor can help you plan which courses to take each semester so that you can graduate in a timely manner.

**Take On The Right Course Load**

**Full-Time Undergraduates.**

Students who pre-register or enroll for 12 credit hours or more during the fall or spring semesters are considered full-time. A normal schedule consists of four or five major courses, subject to the following credit limitations:

- For freshmen, a normal load should not exceed 17 credits excluding SkillMod, military science, and activity courses in music and physical education. A reduced schedule of four academic courses, plus SkillMod, may be suggested for some freshmen by faculty advisors.
- For upperclass students not on probation, a normal load should not exceed 18 credits, unless prescribed by the curriculum. An additional fee at the per-credit-hour rate applies to each credit in excess of 17.
- Students on academic probation may not register for more than four academic courses, excluding SkillMod, military science and activity courses in music and physical education.
- In determining course load for University purposes, registration as an auditor or pass/fail is included. Zero-level courses (e.g., MATH 010) also determine course load, although they do not count toward credit for graduation.

**Part-Time Undergraduates.**

Any student pre-registered or enrolled for fewer than 12 credits during the fall or spring semesters is classified as a part-time student. Part-time students admitted to the University's undergraduate division are also considered degree candidates. All other students attending on a part-time basis are classified as Professional and Continuing Studies students, i.e., not pursuing a formal degree. For purposes of determining course load, registration as an auditor or pass/fail is included.

**Overload.**

The dean's office of the student's college may approve a course and credit load greater than those defined above if the student has a cumulative grade-point index of at least 2.5 and an index of at least 3.0 for the preceding semester. Students are never allowed to register for more than 22 credits—even if some courses are completed on a Pass/Fail or auditor basis. Additional fees must be paid when registering for more than 17 credits.

**Special Note.**

The definitions of full- and part-time stated above are those generally used by the University. Other organizations or agencies may use different definitions. Determinations of full- or part-time status for other purposes, such as federal financial aid, eligibility for athletic participation under NCAA rules, scholarship eligibility, etc. are made using the guidelines of the governing organizations or agencies.

**Transfer Course Work From Other Institutions**

The University of Delaware accepts credits from regionally accredited institutions in which the students received a grade of "C" or better in college-level courses (not remedial). Pass/Fail grades are not accepted. To receive a University of Delaware degree, admitted students must complete a minimum of the first 90 or 30 of the last 36 credits, full- or part-time, at the University of Delaware.

The Office of Admissions will complete a preliminary evaluation of transfer credits once a student is admitted. The final determination regarding equivalent coursework and the number of credit hours applicable to your degree program at the University of Delaware rests with the Dean of your College. Departments may require applicants to repeat outdated courses and/or coursework completed more than seven calendar years earlier. Admitted students should be prepared to provide course descriptions for faculty review, if their coursework transfers as departmental elective credit.

Students enrolled at the University of Delaware who wish to complete work for credit at another institution must complete a Transfer Credit-Post Admission (TCPA) form. This form is available in the Student Services Building. To assure transferability of coursework, students must obtain approval from the department offering the University's equivalent course, from their academic advisor, and from the dean's office of the student's college, before beginning such courses. Credits and quality points for work completed elsewhere will not be included in the student's University of Delaware cumulative grade-point index. For more detailed instructions regarding approval procedures, visit the Service Desk in the Student Services Building.

The University of Delaware has entered into a cooperative agreement with Delaware State University and Delaware Technical and Community College, guaranteeing transferability of certain courses among the three institutions. Students should consult the Transfer Credit Matrix at www.central.dticc.edu/matrix for a list of the courses.

**Sometimes, Exceptions To Requirements Are Possible**

Specific degree requirements may be modified with permission and approval from the department chair and/or dean's office, upon petition by the student and presentation of a compelling case:

**Exemption.**

A student may request to be excused from a course requirement, receiving no credit for the course and no reduction in the total number of credits required for the degree.

**Waiver.**

A student may request to be excused from a course requirement, thereby reducing the total number of credits required for the degree by the amount of credit for the course requirement being waived.

**Substitution.**

A student may request permission to substitute one course for another with no reduction in the total number of credits required for the degree.

**Earn Credit By Examination**

All matriculated and Professional and Continuing Studies students may earn academic credit by taking an examination to demonstrate competence attained through professional experience or some similar learning experience. Credit by examination cannot be used when a student has previously enrolled in the University of Delaware course. Students interested in earning credit by examination for a specific course should contact the appropriate academic department. Credit by examination is not allowed in experimental or independent study courses. A credit-by-examination form, available at the Service Desk in the Student Services Building, must be completed. A fee is also required. (Read about High School Work for College Credit in the Undergraduate Admissions chapter.)
IT YOU TAKE A COURSE MORE THAN ONCE

Credits may be counted only once toward a degree. Courses repeated to improve a passing grade may not be counted a second time toward the minimum total required credit hours. Both the original and the second grade for repeated courses contribute to the cumulative grade point index. Certain courses offered in a sequence will not be counted toward a degree if taken in reverse order of difficulty, e.g., FREN 105 would not be counted if completed after FREN 107; similarly, MATH 115 is not acceptable if completed after MATH 221. If two courses cover very similar content—even if one is more difficult than the other—credit would not be offered for both courses regardless of the order in which they were completed. For instance, credit will be offered only once for the following pairs of courses: MATH 221 and MATH 241, or MATH 222 and MATH 242. See specific course descriptions in the back of this Catalog for additional information. For further clarification, contact the department or college responsible for the specific degree program.

WE OFFER MANY OPTIONS FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY

CHOOSE THE TYPE OF MAJOR THAT SUITS YOU

SINGLE MAJOR.

A department major typically consists of at least 30 credits with specified and elective courses determined by the department. A minimum grade of C- is normally required in all major courses.

DOUBLE MAJOR.

To complete a double major, a student must fulfill the major requirements of two majors within the same degree, e.g., two majors which lead to the Bachelor of Arts or two leading to the Bachelor of Science. Admission to the double major requires approval of both departments and the dean(s) of the college(s). The minimum grade required in all courses within the major is the same as that needed for a single major.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAJOR.

Interdepartmental majors are available in some programs of study. For a general description and requirements, see the College of Arts and Sciences section of the catalog.

NOT READY TO CHOOSE A MAJOR?

For students who are undecided about their choice of major, our University Studies Program (UST) provides the opportunity to discover and to investigate various options. Because of the structure of the baccalaureate degree, it is possible for students during their first semesters to choose coursework that allows them to be on track for a number of different majors. Since there is a good deal of overlap in required courses for many majors and degree programs, University Studies students may consider several major options before committing to a particular one. It is often possible to plan course schedules for the first few semesters that will fulfill requirements in more than one potential major, with the exception of highly structured programs such as engineering or elementary teacher education.

University Studies students are assigned to professional advisors in the University Advisement Center. The advisors work one-to-one with UST students to choose their courses, prepare to meet major entrance requirements, and design an overall academic plan that will enable students to get the most out of their University education. Freshman UST students are given an opportunity to participate in LIFE (Learning: Integrated Freshman Experience), taking either a LIFE cluster designed especially for UST students, or enrolling in a traditional LIFE cluster along with students in declared majors.

UST is a University-wide program, not affiliated with any one college at UD. UST students work with their advisors to consider majors from across the entire spectrum of more than 120 undergraduate programs. To assist UST students in identifying majors of possible interest, the University Advisement Center has grouped all the UD majors into six broad "interest areas;" see the complete list of majors and interest areas at:

http://www.udel.edu/advisement/interestareas.html

The majors within an interest area generally use a common set of beginning courses, allowing students to customize their course selection to correspond with their interests.

UST students are expected to choose a major by the end of their fifth semester of full-time study, or before the completion of 75 credits. UST is not a major or a degree program, and students cannot graduate until they declare and complete a formal major.

A MINOR MAY ADD BREADTH TO YOUR STUDIES

Designed for students interested in a particular field, minors provide programs of study less intensive and comprehensive than a major but with greater coherence than a group of courses selected at random. Minors have been approved in over 60 fields of study. (See the list of advisors and approved minors on page ix of this catalog.) In general, a minor requires at least 15 credits of course work. Students must obtain permission from the designated minor advisor before declaring a minor.

MULTIPLY YOUR OPTIONS WITH A DOUBLE DEGREE

In some cases, a student is allowed to simultaneously pursue two baccalaureate degrees. The following regulations apply to a student seeking two concurrent degrees:

- A student must fulfill all requirements for both degrees. He or she may be awarded two degrees at the same time only if the degrees are different (e.g., Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts). If a student is pursuing two fields of study for which the same degree is awarded, only one degree will be granted, but with a double major (e.g., Bachelor of Arts with majors in English and History).
- To be eligible for a second degree, the student must earn at least 30 credits in addition to those required for the first degree. When the two degrees are being earned concurrently and are to be awarded at the same time, the "first degree" is considered to be the degree that requires the smaller number of total credits.

CHANGE OF MAJOR POLICY

Most students are admitted into a specific major. Once admitted, they may change majors during various times, provided they meet specific requirements and receive proper approvals. Between the time of admission and the start of classes, students should request approval from the Office of Admissions, who will process the request if appropriate. The Admissions office will notify the Academic Dean of the new program to ensure proper scheduling of courses. Once their first semester begins, students should consult with the appropriate department or college to which they are seeking admission. Some majors have enrollment limits and individual transfer procedures, which may include application deadlines, prerequisite courses, and/or GPA requirements. The Change of
Upon completion of special and independent research during the general scholastic year, applicants must submit a senior thesis or project for consideration for recognition in the form of academic honors. The following rules for honors apply:

- **Summa Cum Laude.** The top 1 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the degree Summa Cum Laude, providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.75 at the end of his or her course of study.

- **Magna Cum Laude.** The next 4 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the degree Magna Cum Laude, providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.5 at the end of his or her course of study.

- **Cum Laude.** The next highest 8 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the degree Cum Laude providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.25 at the end of his or her course of study.

**DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION IN A MAJOR FIELD.**

Students may earn a Degree with Distinction in their major field upon completion of special and independent research during the senior year. Applications for a Degree with Distinction must be submitted before the end of the senior year. Applicants should have a general scholastic grade point index of not less than 3.0 and an index of not less than 3.5 in the major at the end of the junior year.

1. Computation of Grade-Point Average (GPA) for academic major:
   a. Students with a single major: GPA will be computed on courses of program requirements that satisfy the major.
   b. Students with a double major: GPA will be computed on the major in which the thesis is to be written. Students with a double major have the option of integrating their two majors into a single thesis. The GPA in each major must be 3.5. The thesis committee must include representatives from both majors.
   c. Students seeking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: GPA will be computed using the upper-division level courses (prefix of 300 or 400) specified in the student’s contract on file in the Dean’s Office, College of Arts and Sciences.

2. Students enrolled for Senior Thesis leading to the Degree with Distinction who are also enrolled for Honors Senior Thesis leading to the Honors Degree with Distinction must complete two distinct theses, each of which must stand on its own merit. The theses may be related but must not in any essential way duplicate one another. Evidence that two distinct theses have been prepared to satisfy the requirements of each degree program must be provided by the student.

3. The thesis for the Degree with Distinction must include a title page that provides for the following required signatures:
   a. Student’s departmental thesis advisor;
   b. Faculty member from the student’s thesis committee;
   c. Committee member, Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors;
   d. Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors.

**TOP INDEX GRADUATING SENIOR.**

Every year, an award recognizes the graduating senior who has achieved the highest grade point index earned in full-time study toward the degree. To be eligible for this award, the graduating senior must have earned at least 75 percent of the total credits required for the degree at the University and must have averaged a minimum of 15 credits per semester.

**WHAT WE REQUIRE FOR GRADUATION**

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.**

Each student must satisfy the following general requirements for graduation, in addition to the academic requirements of the particular college and curriculum chosen:

- A scholastic average of C (GPA of 2.0) in all work taken at the University.
- Completion of either 90 of the first 100 credits or 30 of the last 36 credits, full- or part-time, at the University of Delaware.
- One semester of Freshman English (ENGL 110), completed with a minimum grade of C-.
- Three credits in an approved course or courses stressing multicultural, ethnic, and/or gender related content. The purpose of the multicultural requirement is to provide students with some awareness of and sensitivity to cultural pluralism—an increasing necessity for educated persons in a diverse world. This requirement may be fulfilled through a course or courses taken to complete other course requirements, but cannot be fulfilled with any course taken on a pass/fail basis. Only course sections that are designated as multicultural in the registration booklet for a specific semester can be used to fulfill this requirement.

**HONORS BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.**

Within the requirements of the baccalaureate degree, the Honors Degree is awarded to those students achieving a 3.4 cumulative grade index and completing 30 credits of designated Honors courses, including an Honors senior seminar or capstone experience. Individual department requirements may vary. (See also Honors Degrees in the “Opportunities to Enrich Your Undergraduate Education” chapter).

**HONORS BACCALAUREATE DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION.**

Within the requirements for the baccalaureate degree, the Honors Degree with Distinction is awarded to students who fulfill the requirements for an Honors Degree and complete six credits of Honors thesis or project along with any additional specifications for the thesis or project set by the major department. (See Honors Degrees with Distinction in the “Opportunities to Enrich Your Education chapter.”)

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE.**

Read about Associate Degree Programs in the “Undergraduate Admissions” chapter of this catalog.
## WE OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF MULTI-CULTURAL REQUIREMENT COURSES

### ANTHROPOLOGY
- **ANTH 101**: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
- **ANTH 222**: Technology and Culture
- **ANTH 225**: Peasant Societies
- **ANTH 228**: Peoples and Cultures of the Southwest
- **ANTH 229**: Indians of North America
- **ANTH 230**: Peoples of the World
- **ANTH 245**: Contemporary Native American Culture Issues
- **ANTH 251**: Introduction to Ethnic Arts
- **ANTH 259**: Hunting Societies
- **ANTH 261**: Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (cross-listed with JWST 261)
- **ANTH 265**: High Civilizations of the Americas
- **ANTH 269**: Early Civilizations of the Old World
- **ANTH 320**: Prehistory of North America
- **ANTH 322**: Prehistory of South America
- **ANTH 324**: Old World Archaeology
- **ANTH 328**: Mayan Art and Architecture (cross-listed with ARTH 338)
- **ANTH 330**: Development and Underdevelopment
- **ANTH 333**: Peoples of Africa (cross-listed with BAMS 333)
- **ANTH 337**: South American Indians
- **ANTH 338**: Arts and Crafts of Native South America
- **ANTH 363**: Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (cross-listed with WOMS 363)
- **ANTH 370**: Culture of Food Production and Economic Development
- **ANTH 375**: Peoples and Cultures of Modern Latin America
- **ANTH 380**: Peoples and Cultures of Mexico and Central America
- **ANTH 401**: The Idea of Race
- **ANTH 444/644**: Techniques of Cultural Materials: Ceramics and Glass (cross-listed with ARTH 444/644 and MSST 444/644)
- **ANTH 451**: Myth and Culture
- **ANTH 457**: Survey of African Art (cross-listed with ARTH 457)

### ART
- **ART 274**: Common Threads: Multicultural Survey of Fiber Processes

### ART CONSERVATION
- **ARTC 444/644**: Techniques of Cultural Materials: Ceramics and Glass (cross-listed with ANTH 444/644 and MSST 444/644)

### ART HISTORY
- **ARTH 155**: Asian Art
- **ARTH 161**: Art in East and West
- **ARTH 204**: Art, Power and Architecture in Africa (cross-listed with BAMS 203)
- **ARTH 206**: Introduction to Art and Architecture
- **ARTH 209**: Early Medieval Art: 200-1000 AD
- **ARTH 233**: Art of China
- **ARTH 234**: Art of Japan
- **ARTH 235**: Art of India
- **ARTH 236**: Arts of the Islamic World
- **ARTH 237**: Art of Tibet
- **ARTH 242**: Woman as Image and Imagemaker (cross-listed with WOMS 242)
- **ARTH 338**: Mayan Art and Architecture (cross-listed with ANTH 338)
- **ARTH 420**: Seminar in African Art
- **ARTH 422**: Folk and Outsider Art
- **ARTH 457**: Survey of African Art (cross-listed with ANTH 457)

### ARTS AND SCIENCES
- **ARSC 136**: Topics: East Asia in Film (cross-listed with HIST 136)
- **ARSC 296**: Honors Forum: Multicultural
- **ARSC 392**: Honors Colloquium: Multicultural

### BLACK AMERICAN STUDIES
- **BAMS 110**: Introduction to Black American Studies
- **BAMS 134**: History of Africa (cross-listed with HIST 134)
- **BAMS 203**: Art, Power, and Architecture in Africa (cross-listed with ARTH 204)
- **BAMS 205**: Contemporary Afro-American Issues
- **BAMS 206**: Survey of Afro-American Culture
- **BAMS 215**: Race in Society (cross-listed with HIST 220)
- **BAMS 304**: History of Black America to the Civil War (cross-listed with HIST 325)
- **BAMS 306**: History of Black America Since the Civil War (cross-listed with HIST 326)
- **BAMS 307**: Black Thought and Philosophy (cross-listed with PHIL 307)
- **BAMS 308**: Delaware Black History
- **BAMS 313**: African American Literature I (cross-listed with ENGL 344)
- **BAMS 322**: Race and Politics (cross-listed with POSC 322)
- **BAMS 327**: Race, Gender, Science (cross-listed with PHIL 327 and WOMS 327)
- **BAMS 330**: Rhetoric of Black America
- **BAMS 331**: History of Caribbean II (cross-listed with HIST 331)
- **BAMS 332**: History of Caribbean II (cross-listed with HIST 332)
- **BAMS 333**: Peoples of Africa (cross-listed with ANTH 333)
- **BAMS 334**: African American Women's History (cross-listed with HIST 334 and WOMS 334)
- **BAMS 345**: African American Literature II (cross-listed with ENGL 345)
- **BAMS 355**: Race, Class and Crime (cross-listed with CRJU 355 and SOCI 356)
- **BAMS 361**: Racial Inequality (cross-listed with SOCI 361)
- **BAMS 382**: Studies in Multicultural Literature in English (cross-listed with ENGL 382)
- **BAMS 395**: Pan Africanism (cross-listed with HIST 395)
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- **BAMS 432**: Psychological Perspectives on the Black American (cross-listed with PSYC 416)
- **BAMS 439**: Problems in African Politics (cross-listed with POSC 439)
- **BAMS 440**: Themes in Black American Studies

### COMMUNICATION
- **COMM 263**: International Social Conduct

### COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
- **CMLT 314**: Intro to Folklore and Folklife (cross-listed with ENGL 314)

### CONSUMER STUDIES
- **CNST 213**: Twentieth-Century Design: Ethnic Influence
- **CNST 313**: Multicultural Fashion Accessories
- **CNST 319**: Dress and Culture

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- **CRJU 350**: Gender and Criminal Justice (cross-listed with WOMS 350)
- **CRJU 355**: Race, Class and Crime (cross-listed with BAMS 355 and SOCI 356)

### ECONOMICS
- **ECON 381**: Economics of Human Resources
- **ECON 385**: Women and the Economy (cross-listed with WOMS 385)
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**CELEBRATE YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT COMMENCEMENT AND DEGREE CONFERRAL**

Degrees are conferred at spring and winter Commencement ceremonies. All candidates for degrees are highly encouraged to celebrate their academic success by participating in Commencement exercises. Candidates will receive instructions concerning Commencement from the University Marshall in their final semester. The University also confers degrees following the winter and summer sessions, but no formal ceremony is held at those times. In all cases, diplomas are mailed following confirmation of degree completion.