

Academic Programs and Requirements for Degrees

Other College Requirements

In addition to completing general education requirements in the Insight Program and major requirements, all students seeking a bachelor degree in the Undergraduate Program in the semester format at Albertus Magnus College must complete the following College Requirements:

First Year Requirement (1 credit)

CC 102 College Success Seminar

Transfer Requirement (1 credit)

CC 113 Transfer Professional Development Seminar

Second Year Requirement (1 credit)

CC 213 Professional Development Seminar

College Languages and Cultures Requirement (6 credits)

Recognizing that an understanding of languages and diverse cultures enriches the student's life and enhances career opportunities in an increasingly international world, the College has a languages and cultures requirement that may be satisfied in one of four ways:

- Complete three years (3 credits) of the same foreign language at the high school level. Students who complete level one of the targeted language in middle school and complete only two years in high school will not meet the requirement unless the level one completion of the language is notated on the official high school transcript.
- Obtain the State of Connecticut Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy for applicable public high school graduates in an approved foreign language as evidenced by the appropriate notation on the official high school transcript.
- Complete two departmental courses in international and cultural studies.
- Complete two semesters of Spanish, American Sign Language, or Italian at the college-level with emphasis placed on the grammatical and conversational aspects of the target language.

Students who satisfy the languages and cultures requirement prior to matriculation at the College will be required to complete 6 additional credits towards their degree electives. The Department of Languages and Cultures offers a variety of advanced courses as part of the College's vibrant general education and major offerings. Students who have fulfilled the language requirement are encouraged to consider these courses in collaboration with the Department and their academic advisor.

“W” Course Requirements

The comprehensive Writing Program at Albertus Magnus College embraces the philosophy that writing facilitates learning and that writing is a craft demanding practice in multiple disciplines. Consequently, the significance of effective writing is emphasized across the curriculum, and students are required to complete a minimum of five writing intensives (“W”) classes during the course of their tenure at the College. Beginning with two semesters of Written Expressions I and II (“W”), students subsequently select two General Education courses (“W”) in the sophomore and junior year, followed by one “W” course in the major field. While writing intensive courses may vary in the number of writing/research projects assigned, all require that “W” students complete fifteen pages of polished writing and visit the Writing Center to consult with a Writing Associate about a drafted written assignment. Writing Associates are student peers who are thoroughly trained to offer individual consultations on prewriting, editing, and rewriting techniques across disciplines. They work closely with student writers, providing supplemental writing instruction throughout the writing and revision process.

Courses included in the Elective Core are selected by the relevant academic departments.