GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Student Responsibility
The ultimate responsibility for satisfying all graduation requirements is the student’s. Students are encouraged to check their Degree Progress Reports (http://www.wcupa.edu/Registrar/dpr.aspx) (DPRs) on myWCU regularly, so they maintain a thorough understanding of all outstanding requirements. Faculty academic advisors are expected to provide accurate, helpful information to students, and students are expected to be knowledgeable about the academic policies and procedures governing the completion of their degrees. The student and faculty advisor are expected to consult with each other regularly. Under West Chester University’s advising program, all students have faculty advisors, appointed through their major departments, who counsel them on academic matters throughout their undergraduate years. Students who have not yet declared a major are advised by the Pre-Major Academic Advising Center (http://www.wcupa.edu/advising). Students need to meet with their advisors before registration periods to discuss course enrollment and be given access to online registration.

West Chester University faculty, staff, and students must activate and maintain regular access to University-provided electronic mail accounts AND are responsible for accessing electronic mail to obtain official University communications. Failure to access the electronic mail account will not exempt individuals from associated responsibilities and liabilities.

Students are expected to complete all degree requirements within the semester in which they intend to graduate. Any unmet degree requirements can only be completed for that semester’s graduation date, if the attempt to complete the degree requirement was initiated prior to the end of the semester, and the requirement was completed within 30 days of the actual graduation date.

Applicable Catalog Year
The West Chester University Undergraduate Catalog is produced annually in print and online versions. Regardless of the method of distribution, the catalog in effect for a student’s year of admission dictates the general education requirements that the student must follow. Students are bound by the major, minor, and cognate requirements in the catalog for the academic year for which they are accepted into the major or minor. In some instances, accrediting, certification, and/or Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) standards necessitate the change in major, minor, and cognate requirements. In such situations, the respective college will formally inform each student that he or she must meet the new requirements. Readmitted students are bound by the requirements in place for general education at the time of readmission. Major, minor, and cognate area requirements are also bound at the time of readmission, except where permission is granted by the respective department.

Students are expected to complete all degree requirements within the semester in which they intend to graduate. Any unmet degree requirements can only be completed for that semester’s graduation date, if the attempt to complete the degree requirement was initiated prior to the end of the semester, and the requirement was completed within 30 days of the actual graduation date.

Dual Degrees and Majors
Students are permitted to pursue dual majors under the same degree or dual degrees with the concurrence of the participating departments. (See “Dual Degrees” (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-information)” and “Double Majors (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-information)” in the “Academic Policies and Procedures” section of this catalog.)

Basic Proficiency
Students who do not demonstrate basic proficiency in English or mathematics may be required to take developmental courses (Q00-level) as prerequisites of their degree programs. These courses do not count towards graduation.