AR 25. Institutional Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

a. Baccalaureate Core: Each student will complete the following requirements:

1. **Skills Courses (15 credits)**
   - Fitness (3 credits)
   - Mathematics (3 credits)
   - Writing I (3 credits)
   - Writing II (3 credits)
   - Writing III/Speech (3 credits)

2. **Perspective Courses (24 credits)**
   - Physical science (with lab) (4 credits)
   - Biological science (with lab) (4 credits)
   - Plus choice of second course in either of the above (with lab) (4 credits)

   Take a minimum of one course in each of the following areas:
   - Western culture (3 credits)
   - Cultural diversity (3 credits)
   - Literature and the arts (3 credits)
   - Social processes and institutions (3 credits)

3. **Difference, Power, and Discrimination Courses (3 credits)**

4. **Synthesis Courses (6 credits)**
   - Science, technology, and society (3 credits)
   - Contemporary global issues (3 credits)

5. **Writing Intensive Courses, upper division (WIC) (3 credits)**

The Baccalaureate Core Committee determines which courses will satisfy each of the requirements above. WIC courses will be reviewed by the Writing Advisory Board. The core is governed by the following rules: (1) No more than two courses from any one department may be used by a student to satisfy the Perspectives category of the core. (2) No single course may be used by a student to satisfy more than one subject area of the core even though some courses have been approved in more than one area. (3) Both Synthesis courses may not be taken in the same department.³

b. An undergraduate student may be granted a baccalaureate degree with one or more majors.

c. **Credits:** Minimum 180 earned credits, which must include:⁴,⁵

1. **Credits in upper-division courses:** minimum 60 (exclusive of upper-division physical education activity courses).
2. **Credits in each major:** minimum, 36, including at least 24 in upper-division courses.
d. **Baccalaureate Degrees:** All students receiving a BA degree shall have proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to that attained at the end of the second year sequence with a grade of C– or better as certified by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Colleges offering both the BA and the BS will have specific requirements distinguishing the two degrees. The college requirements for the two degrees will place comparable demands upon the time and effort of students, and that assessment of comparability will include the foreign language requirement for the BA. Departments offering both the BA and BS may have specific requirements distinguishing the two degrees.

e. **Grade Point Average:** minimum of 2.00 on OSU cumulative grade point average.

f. **Academic Residence:**

1. A minimum of 45 of the last 75 credits must be completed while the student is in academic residence at OSU. "Academic Residence" is defined as OSU courses taken as a degree-seeking student of OSU or courses through one of the following approved special programs: Professional degree programs which require that the student enroll in another institution while finishing the bachelor’s degree at OSU or an international study program sponsored by the Oregon University System.
2. A minimum of 15 upper-division credits used to meet the preceding residency requirement (1) must be taken in each of the student’s majors.
3. Credits earned by special examination for credit (AR 23) are not considered in academic residence.

g. **Dean’s certification of fulfillment of all requirements of major college.** (For details, see college advisors and deans.)

h. **Restrictions**

1. Correspondence study: maximum, 60 credits.
2. Law or medicine: maximum, 48 term credits.
3. Music (applied music): maximum, 12 credits. (Restrictions not applicable to majors in music.)
4. Physical activity course: maximum, 11 credits.
5. A maximum of 36 credits of those presented in satisfaction of the baccalaureate degree may have been graded on an S/U basis at Oregon State University.

i. **Application for degree:** To become a candidate for a degree, a student must have achieved senior standing and must make formal application for the degree. The student must file an application with the registrar during the first by the second week of the term preceding the term in which he or she expects to complete requirements for a degree.