



WHEATON COLLEGE

For Christ & His Kingdom

Overview of Academics at Wheaton

What Every Undergraduate Student Should Know

Academic Advising Office
academic.advising@wheaton.edu
630.752.5615

Suggestions to stay on track for completing your Liberal Arts & Sciences degree

Freshman Year

- Take CORE 101 in fall semester (required); transfer students complete CORE 101 in Spring.
- Take introductory courses in your areas of academic interest.
- Consult Major Academic Plans (MAPs) while exploring majors.
- Begin or complete your foreign language requirement.
- Complete First-Year Writing requirement.
- Begin monitoring your academic progress on Degree Works (visit <https://portal.wheaton.edu>)

Sophomore year

- Formally declare a major by mid-year.
- If you haven't already done so, complete the writing and foreign language requirements.
- Complete the oral communication requirement.
- Complete more of your CATC requirements.
- Continue monitoring your academic progress on Degree Works.

Junior Year

- Complete the foreign language requirement.
- Take 300 and 400 level courses.
- Work on major requirements.
- Take your CATC Advanced Integrative Seminar course.
- File an application for degree with the Registrar's office before the end of Junior Year.
- Continue monitoring your academic progress on Degree Works.

Senior Year

- Review your official degree evaluation.
- Complete all remaining requirements.
- Complete the senior capstone.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements and Progress

- Visit the [College Catalog](#) to see requirements for your major.
- Use the [Major Academic Plans \(MAPs\)](#) to help make your four-year plan.
- Keep your GPA at a minimum of 2.0.
- Note that every degree requires 36 upper division hours and a minimum of 124 total credit hours.
- Read the [academic policies](#) in the College Catalog for complete degree requirements. Reach out to the Academic Advising Office if you have questions.

Thinking about summer coursework?

Wheaton College offers a variety of courses and options for study both on and off campus.

- Consult with your faculty advisor about specific offerings in your major department.
- Special programs such as the “Wheaton In _____” programs require additional planning and sometimes pre-requisite coursework. Look into these options early!
- HoneyRock often hosts courses so watch for the summer course schedule.
- Taking classes outside of Wheaton **requires** pre-approval! The [Transfer Credit Approval](#) process helps students know their courses will transfer to Wheaton College as intended. It is a safeguard for students to ensure time and funds are wisely invested.



Some helpful resources

- [Academic Forms](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
(includes important deadlines)
- [Course Schedule](#)
- [Academic Policies](#)
- [Academic Advising Office](#)
- [Center for Vocation and Career](#)
- [Registrar's Office](#)
- [Learning & Accessibility Office](#)