

Effective: October 1997

**Academic Program: Undergraduate Studies
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Approved: October 1997
Reviewed: June 4, 2007
Revised: Spring 2000
Deans' Council, Faculty Senate

A baccalaureate degree assumes a capability to deal creatively and realistically with personal, community, national and international concerns. It assumes that a University graduate is able to think logically, to act rationally, and to make appropriate decisions about the future based on past and present conditions and circumstances. It also assumes an understanding of ethics and aesthetics which provides a foundation for the development of a value system which can be translated into effective social action.

To qualify for the baccalaureate degree, a student must at least:

1. Achieve mastery in written and spoken English;
2. Understand and be able to apply the scientific method and basic mathematical concepts;
3. Gain a perspective of the social sciences, including knowledge about the interaction of human groups, and of world and U.S. history, institutions, and economic systems;
4. Acquire basic knowledge and competencies in the humanities, such as literature, the fine arts, and foreign language, and a knowledgeable appreciation of the value of the humanities to the individual and to society; and
5. Achieve an in-depth understanding of an academic discipline.

Attainment by students of these competencies must be carefully and appropriately evaluated. In addition, the students must be made aware of their specialty's relationship to vocational or professional use.

Current Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Millersville University awards the following five baccalaureate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The current Millersville University Undergraduate Catalog contains a listing of baccalaureate degree programs.

Curriculum Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree Programs

To earn a baccalaureate degree at Millersville University a student must meet the following requirements:

1. All curricular and proficiency requirements must be met.
2. A minimum of 120 credits must be completed for a bachelor's degree.
3. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses.
4. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses required for the major.
5. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses required for the minor.
6. At least 30 credits must be completed at Millersville, in addition to student teaching.
7. At least half the major requirements must be completed at Millersville.
8. At least half of the minor requirements must be completed at Millersville.
9. Students who graduate with a B.S.Ed. degree or complete an approved program of post-baccalaureate studies for teaching certification must be admitted to Advanced Professional Studies. They must also meet the Pennsylvania state requirements and other Pennsylvania certification requirements such as passing the required Praxis exams to qualify for Pennsylvania teacher certification.
10. An Application for Degree form must be submitted.

The baccalaureate programs are designed to accommodate many academic majors and a variety of specialized sequences and elective subject interests. The curriculum is structured to afford great flexibility in developing programs of study. It is geared to the individual and allows much choice in the selection of courses. Students have a challenging and responsible role in planning the substance of their academic programs.

The curriculum has the following parts: The general education and competency requirements, the major sequence plus related areas of study, other degree requirements and elective courses.

There are common elements in all student programs, regardless of the degree field or the academic major selected. The General Education Program describes the basic characteristics that apply to all programs. The specific courses required for each academic major are detailed within the departmental listings in the University Catalog.