

University Policies

Policy Name: University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements	Effective Date:
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FORMAL REVIEW

Policy:

- A. To be eligible for graduation with a baccalaureate degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, a student:
1. Must have earned a minimum of 120 semester credit hours; some programs may be in excess of 120 credits.
 2. Must have a cumulative (including transfer credits) and a local Minnesota State University GPA of at least 2.0.
 3. Must have all grades finalized (all grades of I, IP, or Z may not be on the permanent record).
 4. Must have completed at least 40 semester credits of upper-division (300-400) courses.
 5. Must have completed Minnesota State University, Mankato general education requirements or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.
 6. Must meet Minnesota State University, Mankato Cultural Diversity or Diverse Cultures requirement, whichever is applicable.
 7. Must meet Minnesota State University, Mankato's writing-intensive requirement.
 8. Must not complete more than one quarter of total degree credits with a pass/no credit grade.
 9. Must meet the requirements for an academic major:
 - a. Standard Majors are 32-47 credits. Standard majors require completion of a minor. Departments may recommend waiver of minor for students completing a double major.
 - b. Broad majors exceed 47 credits and do not require a minor.
 - c. Academic requirements for majors and minors may be more stringent than university minimum requirements.
 10. Must graduate under requirements identified in a bulletin of no more than seven years preceding the date of graduation. Students also must complete all the requirements under a single bulletin.
 11. Must have earned at least 30 semester undergraduate credit hours from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Departments and Colleges may have more stringent residency requirements
- B. To be eligible for graduation with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, a student:
1. Must have earned at least 60 semester credit hours.
 2. Must have completed the Minnesota State University, Mankato general education program. Completion of the Minnesota State University, Mankato general education program is required as part of the AA degree program and completion of general education meets the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements.
 3. Must have a cumulative (including transfer credits) and a local Minnesota State University GPA of at least 2.0.
 4. Must have all grades finalized (all grades of I, IP, or Z may not be on the permanent record).
 5. Must not exceed 15 credits of P/NC grading.

6. Graduation Residency:
 - a. Must have earned at least 20 credits from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

C. Graduation with Honors

To qualify for Graduation with University Honors (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude), a student:

1. Must meet all requirements for a bachelor's degree.
2. Must earn a minimum of 40 semester undergraduate credit hours from Minnesota State University, Mankato.
3. Must have the appropriate minimum cumulative (including transfer credits) grade point average to satisfy honor requirements.
 - a. Cum Laude: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3.
 - b. Magna Cum Laude: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
 - c. Summa Cum Laude: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8.

For a student's name to be listed in the Commencement Program, the GPA requirements must be met the semester BEFORE graduation. While the number of credit hours earned during the graduation term does not affect the determination of graduation honors for recognition at Commencement, quality points earned during the graduation term are considered in calculating the final GPA which determines the graduation honors for the transcript and diploma. To be recognized in the Commencement Program as achieving graduation honors, students must be graduating the term in which commencement is held.