

University Degree Requirements

University undergraduate degree requirements include lower-level, core curriculum and upper-level requirements.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements for Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

All candidates for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at UHCL must meet certain minimum requirements.

Additional requirements may be imposed by the individual department or college. Students should refer to the department or college section of this catalog for complete requirements and total number of hours prescribed for the specific major.

The following are the minimum requirements for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree:

1. Students must complete at least 120 semester credit hours. A minimum of 45 hours of the 120 semester hours must be advanced (3000-4000 level) coursework according to the requirements of the respective major.
2. Students must complete the university core curriculum requirements (refer to Core Curriculum Requirements section of this catalog).
3. Students must fulfill the statutory requirements of the Texas State Education Code, including the following:
 - a. Six hours of U.S. History (three hours may be Texas History).
 - b. Six hours of Constitutions of the United States and Texas.
4. Students must complete at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree (i.e., 30 semester credit hours for a 120 credit-hour program) through instruction offered by UHCL to fulfill the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) residency requirements.
5. Students must complete the final 30 semester hours of 3000 and 4000 level coursework in residence at UHCL.
6. Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours of upper-level (3000-4000 level) coursework in the major in residence at UHCL.
7. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000 on coursework completed at UHCL with grades of C or better on at least 30 hours of resident upper-level work. Grades of C- or below cannot be applied toward the 30 hours of resident upper-level work.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

All candidates for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at UHCL must meet certain minimum requirements. Students should refer to the department or college section of this catalog for complete requirements and total number of hours prescribed for the specific degree.

The following are the minimum requirements for a B.S.N. degree:

1. Student must complete an associate's degree in nursing or equivalent degree. Some of the credits earned as part of the A.D.N. will be applied toward the 120-semester-credit-hour requirement for the B.S.N. degree.
2. Students must complete the university core curriculum requirements (refer to Core Curriculum Requirements section of this catalog).
3. Students must fulfill the statutory requirements of the Texas State Education Code, including the following:
 - a. Six hours of U.S. History (three hours may be Texas History).
 - b. Six hours of Constitutions of the United States and Texas.
4. A minimum of 45 hours, including 30 upper-level hours in nursing, must be taken in residence.
5. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000 on coursework completed at UHCL with grades of C or better on at least 30 hours of resident upper-level work. Grades of C- or below cannot be applied toward the 30 hours of resident upper-level work.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements for Bachelor of Art, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Social Work Degrees

All candidates for a bachelor's degree at UHCL must meet certain minimum requirements. **Additional requirements may be imposed by the individual department or college.** Students should refer to the department or college section of this catalog for complete requirements and total number of hours prescribed for the specific major.

The following are the minimum requirements for a bachelor's degree:

1. Students must complete at least 120 semester credit hours. A minimum of 45 hours of the 120 semester hours must be advanced (3000-4000 level) coursework according to the requirements of the respective major.
2. Students must complete the university core curriculum requirements (refer to Core Curriculum Requirements section of this catalog).
3. Students must fulfill the statutory requirements of the Texas State Education Code, including the following:
 - a. Six hours of U.S. History (three hours may be Texas History).
 - b. Six hours of Constitutions of the United States and Texas.
4. Students must demonstrate writing proficiency by completing nine hours of lower-level (1000-2000 level) and upper-level (3000-4000 level) English composition course credit with a minimum grade of C- or better. Some majors may require higher grades in English composition.
5. Students must complete at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree (i.e., 30 semester credit hours for a 120 credit-hour program) through instruction offered by UHCL to fulfill the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) residency requirements.
6. Students must complete the final 30 semester hours of 3000 and 4000 level coursework in residence at UHCL.
7. Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours of upper-level (3000-4000 level) coursework in the major in residence at UHCL.
8. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000 on coursework completed at UHCL with grades of C or better on at least 30 hours of resident upper-level work. Grades of C- or below cannot be applied toward the 30 hours of resident upper-level work.

Dual Degrees: Bachelor's to Master's

The dual bachelor's/master's programs allow students to earn both degrees in five years. Students begin work on their master's degree during the final year of their bachelor's degree.

1. Bachelor's (minimum 120 hours) to master's (minimum 30 hours) degrees provides students the opportunity to earn degrees at an accelerated pace. In this program undergraduates with 90 or more credit hours may be allowed to enroll in graduate classes and count up to six graduate credit hours toward their bachelor's degree. The same six graduate credit hours may also count toward a master's degree.
2. Graduate courses utilized for a bachelor's degree cannot be utilized for a graduate degree outside of the accelerated bachelor's to master's degree program.
3. No more than six graduate hours can be taken as an undergraduate.
4. In the dual-degree program, no more than six hours of graduate work may be counted toward the requirements of both degrees, and at least 24 of the required 30 graduate hours must be taken at the 5000 level or 6000 level.
5. Students must apply to the dual-degree program the semester before completing their bachelor's degree requirements.
6. Students interested in this program must meet with a dual degree advisor in their college before enrolling in graduate courses.
7. Students admitted to dual-degree programs should have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better. Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 must take the GRE or GMAT (see individual college requirements for appropriate examination and acceptable scores).
8. A student who becomes ineligible to participate in or withdraws from the accelerated bachelor's to master's program cannot double count any courses for both bachelor's and master's degrees. However, courses successfully completed with a 3.0 or better may count toward the bachelor's degree as appropriate substitutions.
9. Students in dual-degree programs receive the bachelor's degree upon completion of the master's degree.
10. Students in dual-degree programs not completing the master's degree may apply for graduation with the bachelor's degree.
11. Dual-degree program students must complete the undergraduate residency requirements.