

Academic Program

Degree Requirements. In order to equip Westmont students to function with a global, Christian worldview, in the world in the 21st century, the goals of the College's degree requirements are that students will:

1. develop an understanding and appreciation of the principal areas of human knowledge, including biblical Christianity;
2. learn how to express themselves clearly and objectively in both oral and written forms;
3. develop clearer understanding and perspective toward themselves and others in the context of an increasingly global and diverse society;
4. be equipped to accept social, religious, political, economic, and scientific positions of trust and leadership.

Students receive the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree when they complete the following:

1. A minimum of 124 semester units.
2. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 for all courses taken at Westmont and a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in ~~upper division~~ ^{all} ~~division~~ courses taken for the major and minor at Westmont.
3. The final year (two full-time semesters) taken at Westmont or 32 of the last 40 units for the degree taken at Westmont.
4. The general education requirements.
5. A major program.
6. At least one-half of the upper-division major requirements on the Westmont campus or on a Westmont staffed off-campus program.
7. At least 60 units outside of the major department.

All candidates must file an application for degree no later than the second semester of their junior year.

The application of certain courses to the degree program is limited as follows:

1. A maximum of 12 units of practicum/internship credit.
2. A maximum of 12 units of applied music (MUA) credit, unless the lower-division requirements for the music major have been completed, in which case there is no limit.

Students must observe the following requirements:

1. Each degree candidate must complete requirements in one major field as prescribed by that department. Students are not required to have a minor.
2. Students must declare an academic major no later than the end of the sophomore year.
3. An average of "C" (2.0) is required for the total of all ~~upper-division~~ courses in the major and minor field.
4. Students must complete at least one-half of the upper-division units required in the major field at Westmont or a Westmont approved off-campus program. This requirement also applies to completing a minor at Westmont.
5. Four units of upper-division credit earned in a major may be applied to meeting the requirements of a minor. No upper-division credits may be shared by two minors. (There is no limitation on the overlap of units between two majors.)

G Grading. Grades reflect the quality of students' work:

A	exceptional
B	superior
C	good
D	poor
P	pass (unless otherwise specified in the syllabus, a grade of P indicates work at the D- level or better)
F and NC	work below passing quality or unofficial withdrawal after the seventh day of the semester
W	indicates official withdrawal from a course through the ninth week of classes
WF	indicates official withdrawal from a course with failing work after the ninth week of classes. By petition only.
WP	indicates official withdrawal from a course with passing work after the ninth week of classes. By petition only.
WX	indicates unofficial withdrawal during the first seven days of the semester

Faculty assign students a grade of I (incomplete) when they merit additional time to complete course work because of circumstances beyond their control such as a serious illness, accident, or death in the family. Students must make up this grade within six weeks of the end of the term in which they received it, or it automatically changes to F (NC in the P/NC grading option).