Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REGULATIONS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HONORS BACHELOR DEGREES

General Requirements

First-Year Requirements
Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees)

Module Requirements
The Honors Bachelor Degree must include at least an Honors Specialization module or double Major modules. The Honors Specialization module or each double Major module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 70% and a minimum mark of 60% in each course of the module. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. In exceptional circumstances, a student who completes the Honors Specialization module with an average of at least 68% and a mark of at least 60% in each course of the module may graduate with an Honors Degree only with the permission of the Dean on the recommendation of the Department concerned. No concessions are allowed for average and mark requirements for graduation with double Major modules in an Honors Bachelor Degree.

The majority of the courses in each module must be completed through The University of Western Ontario. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western’s International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through The University of Western Ontario.

Average Requirements
Minimum mark and average requirements must be met for each module. See "Module Requirements“ above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 20.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

An overall average of at least 65% must be achieved in the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Senior Course Requirements
At least 13.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

At least 1.0 course numbered 3000 – 4999 must be completed satisfactorily in each Major module leading to an Honors Bachelor Degree – Double Major.

Essay Course Requirements
Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be senior (numbered 2000 - 4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or through one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000 - 4999) through The University of Western Ontario or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.
Residency Requirement
Of the 20.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 15.0 courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western University. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Breadth Requirements
At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be included (see Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees). No more than 14.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for the Honors Bachelor of Science and the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences Degrees
For the Honors Bachelor of Science or the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree, the general requirements listed above for Honors Bachelor Degrees must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements:

Of the 20.0 courses required for the Honors Bachelor of Science or the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree, at least 11.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science or approved courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Approved courses are those listed under Medical Sciences in Category C. Except for courses in Pathology, and Epidemiology and Biostatistics, completed prior to May 2005, these courses may be used to meet the science breadth requirements of any degree.

Students registered in a Science Major or Basic Medical Science Major combined with a Geography Major (in an Honors Bachelor of Science degree) may count approved courses in Geography (see the notes regarding Geography Major modules for details) towards the 11.0 “science” course requirement.

For other purposes, the Geography courses will be considered in Category A.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR DEGREES (FOUR-YEAR)

General Requirements

First-Year Requirements
Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees)

Module Requirements
The Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) must include at least a Specialization module or at least one Major module. The Specialization module or Major module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. The majority of courses for each module must be completed through The University of Western Ontario. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western’s International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through The University of Western Ontario.

Average Requirements
The minimum average requirements for each module must be met. See “Module Requirements” above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 20.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.
A cumulative average of at least 60% must be achieved in the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

**Senior Course Requirements**
At least 13.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

**Essay Course Requirements**
Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be senior (numbered 2000 - 4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or through one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000 - 4999) through The University of Western Ontario or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

**Residency Requirements**
Of the 20.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 15.0 courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western University. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

**Breadth Requirements**
At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B and C must be included (see Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees). No more than 14.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 20.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

**Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) Degrees**
For the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) degree, the general requirements listed above for the Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements:

Of the 20.0 courses required for the Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) or the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Four-Year) degree, at least 11.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science or approved courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Approved courses are those listed under Medical Sciences in Category C. Except for courses in Pathology, and Epidemiology and Biostatistics, completed prior to May 2005, these courses may be used to meet the science breadth requirements of any degree.

Students registered in a Science Major or Basic Medical Science Major combined with a Geography Major (in a Bachelor of Science degree) may count approved courses in Geography (see the notes regarding Geography Major modules for details) towards the 11.0 “science” course requirement.

For other purposes, the Geography courses will be considered in Category A.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR DEGREES (THREE-YEAR)**

**General Requirements**

**First-Year Requirements**
Satisfactory completion of 5.0 courses numbered 1000-1999. At least 1.0 course must be selected from each of two of Categories A, B and C. The 5.0 courses must include at least four different subjects with no more than 2.0 courses in one subject. (See Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees)
Module Requirements
The Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) must include at least a Major module or two Minor modules. The Major module or each Minor module must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. Any additional Major or Minor modules taken within the degree must be completed with a minimum cumulative average of 60%. The majority of courses for each module must be completed through The University of Western Ontario. For the purposes of this requirement, courses completed while participating in one of Western's International Exchange Programs are deemed to be courses completed through The University of Western Ontario.

Average Requirements
The minimum average requirements for each module must be met. See “Module Requirements” above.

A mark of at least 50% must be achieved in each of the 15.0 courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

A cumulative average of at least 60% must be achieved in the 15.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Senior Course Requirements
At least 8.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) must be completed satisfactorily.

Essay Course Requirements
Satisfactory completion of at least 2.0 designated essay courses, at least 1.0 of which must be a senior course (numbered 2000 - 4999). The 2.0 essay courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Exception: Students who are admitted with 10.0 advanced standing credits are required to complete 1.0 designated senior essay course (numbered 2000 - 4999) through The University of Western Ontario or one of its Affiliated University Colleges.

Residency Requirements
Of the 15.0 required courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, a minimum of 10.0 courses must be completed through The University of Western Ontario or one of the Affiliated University Colleges. A maximum of 5.0 courses may be taken at another university on a Letter of Permission or on Exchange.

Exception: Students who are admitted to Western with transfer credits, and who are admitted with advanced standing must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including at least 5.0 senior courses (numbered 2000 - 4999) through Western University. In case of transfer students, courses taken on Letter of Permission or Exchange are not to be counted as part of the necessary 10.0 courses taken at Western. The majority of courses in each module must be completed through Western University or one of the Affiliated University Colleges.

Breadth Requirements
At least 1.0 course from each of Categories A, B, and C must be included (see Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees). No more than 9.0 courses in one subject may be counted among the 15.0 successfully completed courses used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year)
For the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year), the general requirements listed above for the Bachelor Degree (Three-Year) must be met, in addition to the following Science course requirements: of the 15.0 courses required for the Bachelor of Science Degree (Three-Year), at least 8.0 must be from the offerings of the Faculty of Science.
APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION AND NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO GRADUATE

An Application to Graduate must be completed through the Web site with the Office of the Registrar by April 30 in the Winter term by each student who expects to graduate at the Spring Convocation.

An Application to Graduate must be completed through the Web site with the Office of the Registrar by September 8 of each year by each student who expects to graduate at the Autumn Convocation.

Graduate students must comply with the Application to Graduate process as set out by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and available at http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/regulations/9.html

The onus is on students to verify, on their Application to Graduate, the degree and program of study to appear on their diplomas and transcripts. Applicants must inform the Registrar, in writing, if they wish to change their name, to question their degree designation, or to postpone their graduation.

Candidates who meet the requirements for graduation in the degree and program of study specified on their Application to Graduate will graduate at the Convocation specified on the Application. Students who fail to meet the requirements for the specified degree and program of study will not graduate at the specified Convocation and should consult the Dean of their Faculty regarding alternative graduation possibilities.

Upon receipt of Applications for Graduation, the Office of the Registrar will review the academic records to identify and advise those students who will not be eligible to graduate even with the successful completion of courses in which they currently are enrolled.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation, fourth year students must meet the following requirements:

(a) Pass all courses
(b) Obtain a grade of 70% or better in at least 1.0 course
(c) Obtain for each grade less than 60%, a balancing grade of 70% or better in courses of equivalent weight.

A 1.0 course will be weighted equivalent to two 0.5 courses.

Graduation standards

For students commencing in the HBA program as of September 1998, in order to graduate from HBA2:

(a) a student must pass all courses taken in HBA2 and must achieve 70% as a weighted overall average across all courses, or
(b) a student may be "passed by faculty action" by a majority of the HBA2 teaching faculty attending the HBA2 grades meeting.

Honors

For students commencing in the HBA program September 1998 or thereafter,

- A student who achieves an overall average in HBA2 of at least 80.0% will be designated as "Pass with Distinction" on diplomas, transcripts and reports
- A student who achieves an overall average in each of HBA1 and HBA2 of at least 80.0% will receive the designation "Graduate with Distinction" on diplomas, transcripts and reports
- Approximately the top 10% of HBA2 students will be designated as HBA2 Dean's Honor List on transcripts and reports and
• A student who achieves Dean's Honor List status in both HBA1 and HBA2 will be designated as an Ivey Scholar on transcripts and reports.
• The HBA Gold Medal will be awarded to the student(s) with the highest average, where the average is calculated by a simple average of HBA1 year and HBA2 year results, in each year over all courses given credit by the HBA program, including courses not taken at Ivey.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING - Graduation Requirements

A candidate for the BESc degree shall pass all courses in the candidate's approved program of studies and obtain a weighted average of at least 60% in the courses that make up the fourth year program together with a weighted average of at least 60% in all the courses in all years which are counted for graduation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Every candidate for graduation in Medicine must give satisfactory evidence:

1. That the entrance requirements of the Faculty of Medicine of The University of Western Ontario have been fully satisfied;
2. That the requirements of each and every course in the program have been met.

Related Policies and Notes:

For the graduation regulations prior to Autumn 2008, please refer to the former file at:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/grad.pdf

The breadth requirements for Bachelor degrees are at:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/registration_progression.pdf