

D15. Bachelor's Degree Program Length

A public health bachelor's degree requires completion of a total number of credit units commensurate with other similar degree schools in the university.

Schools use university definitions for credit hours.

- 1) *Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for all bachelor's degree options. If the university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard semester or quarter, explain the difference and present an equivalency in table or narrative form.*

The university requires all bachelor's degrees to meet a minimum of 120 credits. According to GW policy, students earn these credits through university general education, school-specific general education and major requirements. All bachelor's degrees at GWSPH require a minimum of 120 credits.

- 2) *Define a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours.*

According to GW policy, one credit hour is equal to a minimum of 37.5 hours of direct and/or indirect learning per semester.

- 3) *Describe policies and procedures for acceptance of coursework completed at other institutions, including community colleges.*

The University Office of the Registrar oversees the undergraduate transfer credit evaluation process for GWSPH. All domestic transfer credit must have been taken at a regionally accredited institution. International transfer credit must have been taken at an institution recognized by the country's Ministry of Education. Generally, courses that are similar in level, content and learning outcomes to existing GW courses will transfer, provided the student has received a letter grade of C- or higher. The GW undergraduate transfer policy is available online.

- 4) *If applicable, provide articulation agreements with community colleges that address acceptance of coursework.*

Not applicable

- 5) *Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for coursework for the major in at least two similar bachelor's degree programs in the home institution.*

To earn an undergraduate degree at GW, the university requires students to:

- Successfully complete at least 120 credits
- Fulfill the university general education requirement (Tier One)
 - One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics)
 - One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences)
 - Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning or scientific reasoning in the social sciences
 - One course in critical thinking in the humanities
 - First Year Writing (UW 1020)
 - Two writing intensive courses, WID, after successful completion of UW 1020 (6 credits)
 - One course that has an approved oral communication component

- Fulfill the school-specific general education and distribution requirements (Tier Two)
- Fulfill the requirements of at least one major in their home school (Tier Three)

At GWSPH, the requirements for school-specific requirements (Tier Two) are limited, and a greater emphasis is placed on major requirements (Tier Three).

Bachelor of Science in International Affairs

The Elliott School of International Affairs offers a BS in International Affairs that requires the completion of at least 120 credits. In addition to the university general education requirement, the degree program requires coursework in advanced research methods, international economics, international and comparative politics, STEM disciplines and foreign languages. Students complete a set of required major courses and enroll in electives, as needed, to meet credit requirements.

Bachelor of Arts in Human Services and Social Justice

The Columbian College of Arts and Science offers a BA in Human Services and Social Justice that requires the completion of at least 120 credits. In addition to the university general education requirement, the degree program requires a liberal arts education as a college-level requirement, prerequisite courses and required major core courses and electives.