

DEGREES, MAJORS, AND MINORS

Youngstown State University grants the following bachelor and associate degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BE)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- Bachelor of Music (BM)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Science (BS in AS)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BS in BA)
- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
- Bachelor of Science in Education (BS in Ed)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC)
- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Applied Business (AAB)
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate of Individualized Studies (AIS)

All bachelor's and associate degrees may be taken as honors degrees. An integrated BaccMed program is offered in conjunction with the Northeast Ohio Medical University and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Educational System.

Majors

DECLARING OR CHANGING A MAJOR/DEGREE

A student may enter the university as an undetermined/exploratory major.

A major and minor (if required) must be declared by the time the student has completed 63 semester hours.

In order to change or declare a major or degree, the student must fill out the Intra-University Transfer Request form in the department of the desired major. The approved form will be forwarded to Records Services. Requests for change of major received by Records Services on or before the 14th day of the full term will be processed for the current semester. Requests received by Records Services after the 14th day of the full term will be effective for the subsequent semester.

Students enrolled in an associate degree program must earn 24 credit hours at YSU and be in good academic standing (or meet the program requirements) in order to transition into a bachelor's degree.

Students who need help selecting a major should contact an academic advisor, the academic department, or the Office of Career Exploration and Development for assistance with academic and career planning. See majors in Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/>) for additional information.

ADDITIONAL MAJORS AND DEGREES

A student interested in pursuing more than one major or degree at a time should contact the departments offering majors to be assigned an advisor for each program. Multiple majors or degrees may be awarded concurrently. Students earning both an Associate degree and a Bachelor's degree concurrently will have the Bachelor level degree listed as their primary degree

and the Associate degree listed as secondary. This designation will be reflected on the student's record.

MULTIPLE MAJORS/SINGLE DEGREE

A degree – e.g. Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts – may be awarded only once. However, more than one major for the degree may be posted on the transcript when the appropriate department chairpersons certify completion of the requirements. The student should indicate in each of the appropriate colleges each major completed when filing for graduation. When the student completes more than one major in a given degree, one diploma is awarded. A minimum of 30 semester hours or 50% of the credits counted towards a major, whichever is less, must be specific to that major and not shared by any other major.

MULTIPLE MAJORS/MULTIPLE DEGREES

If a student wishes to complete the requirements for multiple majors that are awarded under different degrees, the student must fulfill all requirements for each major and each degree. The appropriate chairpersons and deans must then certify completion of the requirements for each major and degree. The student must file intent to graduate and graduation application forms for each major and each degree in the appropriate colleges. A minimum of 30 semester hours or 50% of the credits counted towards a major, whichever is less, must be specific to that major and not shared by any other major.

Students may not earn the Bachelor of General Studies concurrently with another bachelor's degree. Students who hold a bachelor's degree are not eligible for a Bachelor of General Studies degree.

Any student who has received a degree from another institution and desires a second degree from YSU must complete a minimum academic residency of 20 semester hours for an associate degree and 30 semester hours for a baccalaureate degree, meet all requirements for the second degree, and complete the requirements for a new major. Students coming from another university or from YSU with an already-completed bachelor's degree will not have to complete any additional general education requirements at YSU but will have to satisfy the residency requirements described above.

Individualized Curriculum Program

The student whose needs are not met by existing conventional programs may wish to investigate and apply for the Individualized Curriculum Program (ICP (<http://www.ysu.edu/academics/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/individualized-curriculum-program/>)). This option requires a student to design the curriculum suited to his or her particular background and needs, allowing alternative paths for reaching the currently offered undergraduate degrees.

A student admitted to the program will have the help of a committee of faculty advisors selected by the student. This committee will help to develop a program that will serve a valid educational goal not attainable within the regular curricular structure of the university. To receive approval, the overall program needs to be of a scope and intensity comparable to conventional programs leading to the degree being sought.

Students wishing to develop an individualized curriculum must meet the following requirements:

1. Sophomore standing 32 s.h. completed (for baccalaureate degree)
2. GPA of at least 2.50
3. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree must have at least 30 s.h. to complete once the program has been approved. Students pursuing an associate degree must have at least 20 s.h. remaining upon approval.

Minors

DECLARING OR CHANGING A MINOR

A minor is an intellectual venture that broadens and deepens the student's intellectual growth.

A minor consists of at least 12 hours but not more than 19 hours of an approved, published set of courses. (A minimum of 12 s.h. in a discipline with at least 6 s.h. at 3700-level or above)

Each student must complete a minor, unless the student has a combined major or is enrolled in a professional or technical curriculum that does not require a delineated minor. Check with academic advisor for specific information. See Minors at Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/>) for more information.

In order to change or declare a minor, the student must fill out the Intra-University Transfer Request form in the department of the desired minor. The approved form will be forwarded to Records Services.

Contact for Questions/Concerns

Office: Advisement Office (in which your major lies)

Location: Academic College (in which your major lies)