

# Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate education is post-high school education in a specific area of study in which the goal is a degree achieved. Students select an academic program and the degree they desire, and progress in the program is determined by credit hours completed.

## Academic Program

A specific area of study. Students choose their own program of study through majors, minors, and certificates and through bachelor, associate, or master's degrees.

## Credit Hour

An amount of work that includes one contact hour of direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-classroom student work each week for approximately 15 weeks. Thus, a one-credit class requires approximately 45 clock-hours throughout the semester of lecture, recitation, discussion, seminar, or colloquium, or other classroom work, plus assignments and other activities outside the classroom.

Upon completion of a program, students will earn:

- Bachelor's degree
- Associate's degree
- Certificate