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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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1. Candidates for a baccalaureate degree must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours of academic credit and complete three specified courses in physical education. A transfer student who has completed an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree in a transfer program will not be required to fulfill the physical education requirements. All fulltime freshmen baccalaureate students must complete UNIV 1000 The GSW Experience. NOTE: A student who changes major may have to complete additional hours of course work beyond those required for completion of the program.

2. All baccalaureate programs require at least 21 hours of upper division courses in the major field and at least 39 hours of upper division work overall.

3. A grade point average of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation. Some curricula require a higher average. Grades from transfer credit are calculated for graduation with honors purposes only.

4. A candidate must earn in residence at least twenty seven of the forty hours of credit earned immediately preceding graduation. Candidates admitted to the University for the final year of work must be in residence for a minimum of two semesters and must complete at least thirty hours of credit including fifteen hours of upper division credit in the major field.

5. Degree candidates may earn credit by Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Program, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, departmental challenge exams, and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), or through transient credit, but not more than fifteen hours in the major discipline and not more than thirty total hours of credit earned in any of these ways will count toward degree requirements.

6. All candidates for baccalaureate degrees must satisfactorily complete the General Core Curriculum requirements.

7. Candidates for the B.A. degree must present credit for at least six hours of foreign language at the level specified by individual majors. RHSC foreign language deficiency requirements do not count as part of this sequence.

8. International students from non-English speaking countries who achieve the required TOEFL or IELTS score for admission to GSW will satisfy the foreign language requirements for the degree they are pursuing at GSW. These students will still need to fulfill total credit hour requirements for their degree by substituting elective hours for the hours that would have been required in foreign language. International students from English-speaking countries must meet the foreign language requirement either through a CLEP exam in another language or through foreign language courses. Multilingual students who are residents of the United States may fulfill their foreign language requirements either by taking the appropriate CLEP tests, or by taking the required foreign language courses.

9. A candidate must complete all courses used to meet Core Area A requirements with grades of C or better.
10. Candidates are required to satisfy the provisions of the Georgia State Code 32-171 as amended by The General Assembly, which requires all candidates for a degree to pass two specific courses in or an appropriate examination on the history of the United States, the history of Georgia, the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of Georgia.

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12. Students in some degree programs and majors are required to take an exit examination prior to graduation. A minimum score may be required. Students should contact their advisors for specific details.

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