

WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Pre-2023

The following requirements and rules apply to students who started prior to the 2023-2024 academic year. Additional information can be found in Northwestern University's *Undergraduate Catalog* and in the undergraduate section of the Weinberg College website, www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/.

1. FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

If you enter Weinberg College as a first-year student, you must complete two First-Year Seminars, typically one in fall of your first year and one in winter or spring. P/N registration is not allowed in these seminars.

2. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

As part of your liberal arts and sciences education, you will take courses in a wide range of academic disciplines. You must take two approved courses in each of these areas:

I	Natural Sciences	IV	Historical Studies
II	Formal Studies	V	Ethics and Values
III	Social and Behavioral Sciences	VI	Literature and Fine Arts

Courses from many departments and programs count toward each distribution requirement area. The Registrar's website provides information on courses approved for each quarter. Lists of all approved courses for each academic year are posted at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/distribution-requirements/. Some "interdisciplinary studies" courses are approved for more than one distribution area. If you take such a course, you can choose in which one eligible area to count it. Courses taken P/N do not count for Distribution Requirement credit. A maximum of two AP or IB credits may be counted toward these requirements; credits must be in two different areas. You can find detailed information on scores conferring Distribution Requirement credit at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first-year-transfer/first-year/placement-and-credit/ap-and-ib-exams/.

You may not satisfy Distribution Requirements through coursework from other universities. If you are a transfer student or take courses through an affiliated study abroad program, special exceptions may apply.

3. WRITING PROFICIENCY

You must demonstrate proficiency in writing to earn a degree from Weinberg College. Most students do this through work in First-Year Seminars. Detailed information on the requirement is available from the Cook Family Writing Program, 555 Clark St., Room 201, 847-491-7414, www.writingprogram.northwestern.edu/.

4. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to two years of college-level instruction in a classical or modern language other than English. Some students satisfy this requirement prior to entering Northwestern, some continue with a language studied in high school, and some choose to begin a new language. You may not use the P/N option in courses taken toward meeting this requirement, and you must earn at least a C- in the final course. Detailed information on different options for completing the foreign language proficiency requirement is at weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/language-proficiency-requirement/index.html.

5. MAJOR

You must explore at least one academic discipline in depth by completing a Weinberg College major, including any required prerequisites, department or program courses, and related courses; details on major requirements are in Northwestern's *Undergraduate Catalog*. You must declare your major by the beginning of your junior year. All courses for the major must be completed with grades of C- or better.

Weinberg College students may choose to complete a minor, but this is not required. A student's total number of majors plus minors may not typically exceed three; exceptions require permission from the Weinberg College Office of Academic Advising.

Minors and certificates in some other schools at Northwestern are also open to Weinberg College students. Several rules restrict the counting of any course toward more than one major or minor. Details can be found on the College website at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/double-counting-faq.html.

6. NUMBER OF COURSES AND QUARTERS

To receive a BA from Weinberg College, you must earn at least 45 units of credit. (Most courses are worth one unit.) At least 34 of the 45 units must come from courses offered by Weinberg College; certain restrictions apply to courses offered by other schools of the University. You must be a student in Weinberg College for your last three quarters. All Weinberg College students are also subject to Northwestern University's Undergraduate Registration Requirement (URR), which specifies for how many quarters a student must be registered at Northwestern and how much credit must be earned at Northwestern in order to receive a Northwestern degree. URR details are on the Registrar's website.

MAJORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE

Current information about Weinberg College majors can be found at -
weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/major-minor/about-majors/index.html

See also the University's *Undergraduate Catalog*. Note that some Weinberg College majors have special admission requirements and/or are adjunct majors. Adjunct majors must be completed with another major that is *not* an adjunct major.

MINORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE

Current information about Weinberg College minors and other academic options can be found at -
weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/major-minor/minor-and-certificate-options/index.html

See also the University's *Undergraduate Catalog*.

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