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This presentation will help you prepare for your University of Oregon academic experience. This presentation includes a basic overview of the general education requirements needed to graduate.

We hope this information will help prepare you for your arrival at the UO. You will learn much more about the classes, graduation requirements, and majors when you attend International Student Orientation (ISO).

Please ask for help during your orientation and during your classes. We are happy to answer your questions and we look forward to meeting you!

Degree Requirements: Agenda

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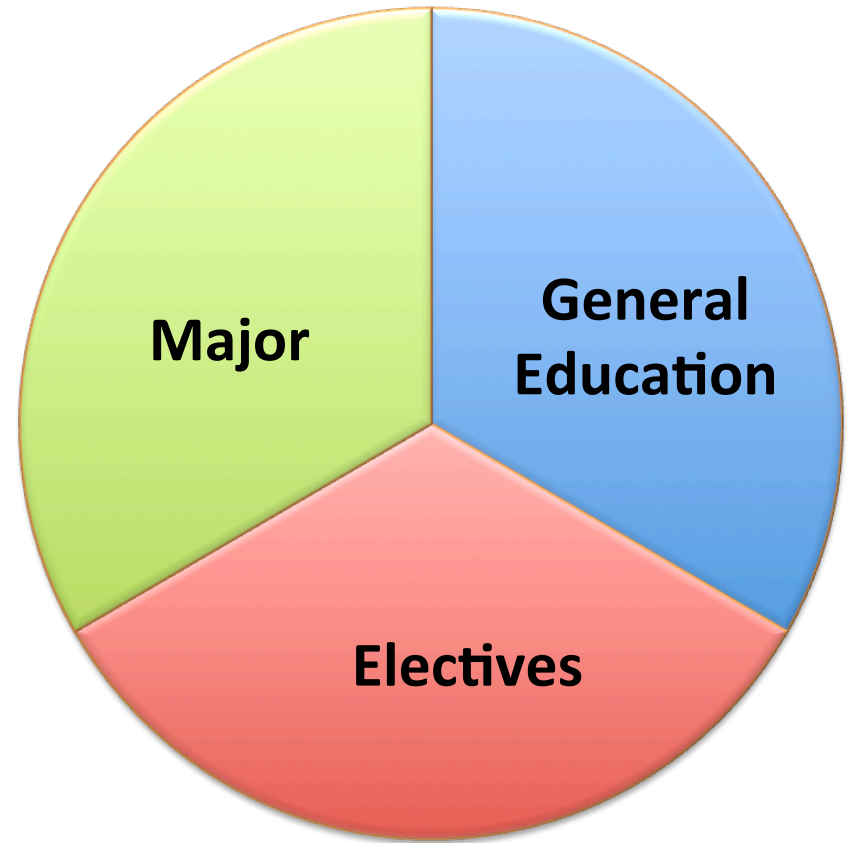
- *The three kinds of degree requirements – Major, General Education, and Electives*
- *The General Education Requirements, including:*
 - *Writing*
 - *Math and/or Language*
 - *‘Group’ Requirements (Arts and Letters, Social Science and Science)*
 - *Multicultural requirements*

Non-Business Degree Requirements

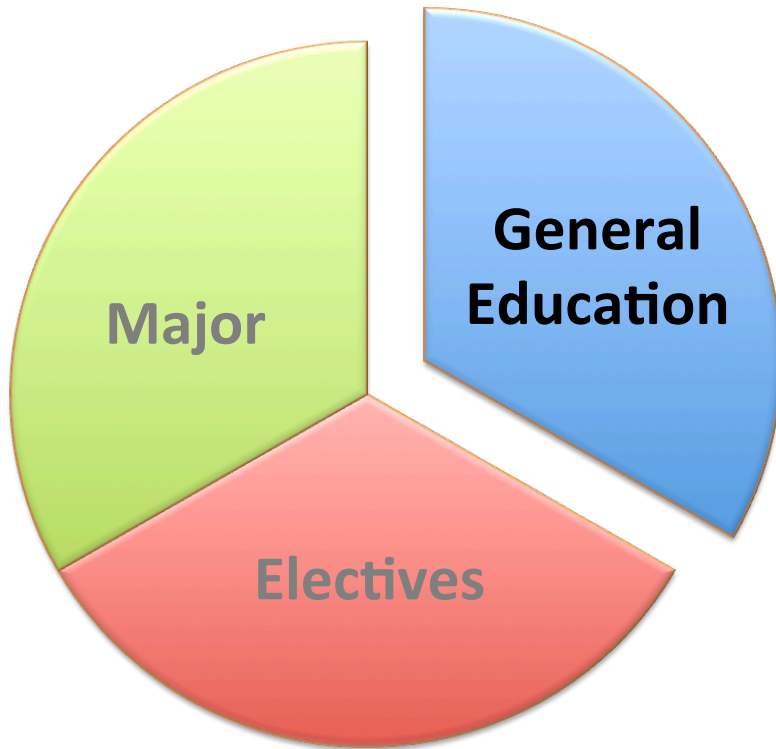
At the UO you will take more than just business classes.

In addition to business classes, called **Major** classes, you are also required to take **General Education** classes (which will be discussed later) and **Electives**.

Electives are classes that are not required for your major, but are taken based on your interests. Electives are required to reach the 180 total credits you need to graduate.



UO General Education Requirements



General Education courses ensure that you learn more than just business while at the UO. All students at the UO must complete these requirements.

These courses may also be called 'Gen Ed' requirements.

General Education requirements include:

1. Writing
2. Math or Language
3. 'The Groups' :
Arts & Letters
Social Science, &
Science
4. Multicultural

General Education: Writing

At the UO you will learn how to read and write effectively in English.

Writing well in English is very important for the College of Business. Two writing courses are required for all students and are typically taken in your first two years at the UO.

Writing 121 &
Writing 122 or 123

General Education: Writing - AEIS

In addition to the two writing courses required of all UO students, international students may also need to take [Academic English \(AEIS\)](#) courses.

- AEIS is a program which helps admitted international students improve their college level English. When you arrive in Eugene for Orientation, you will take an English placement test to see what AEIS classes would be most helpful for you.
- AEIS courses are required for students who test into the courses and are taken alongside other university courses.
- **You must complete all of your AEIS courses before applying to the College of Business your sophomore year.**
- Many international students find AEIS courses very helpful for practicing and perfecting their English language skills.

General Education: Writing

AEIS vs. AEI

Academic English (AEIS) courses are not the same as
American English Institute (AEI)

If you are in **AEI** you are working only on your English skills. In AEI, you are not yet working towards a degree.

AEIS courses, on the other hand, supplement your coursework at the UO and will be taken at the same time as other UO classes. AEIS classes are normal classes and will count as Elective credits towards your final degree.

General Education: Math and Language

Once you graduate from the UO, you will have a **Bachelor's Degree**. There are two kinds of Bachelor's Degrees: a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science. You can choose which one you would like.

A **Bachelor of Arts** degree (BA) requires that you have college level proficiency in a second language.

As an international student, you can complete this requirement by graduating from a non-English speaking high school and completing Writing 121 and Writing 122/123.

If you want, you can also take two years of a language other than English or your native language. This is optional.



General Education: Math and Language

You can also choose a **Bachelor of Science** degree (BS).

A BS requires that you have math proficiency. You will automatically meet this requirement by taking the required business math classes.

Deciding which type of degree to earn, a BS or a BA, is up to you. Both degrees are equally valuable. Consult with an academic advisor about which option is right for you.



General Education: The 'Groups'

As part of your degree, you are required to take courses outside your major in three 'groups'. These groups are:



Arts and Letters Group
Social Science Group
Science Group

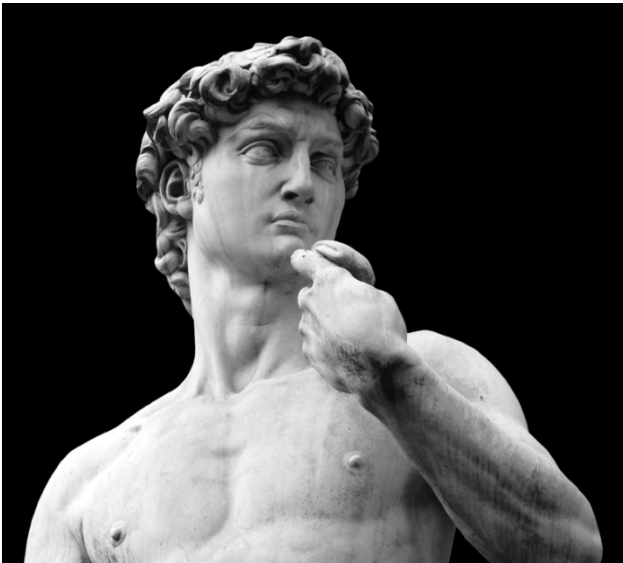
You are required to take 15 credits (about 4 courses) in each of these groups for a total of 45 credits. There is a wide variety of courses to choose from for each of the 'groups'.

As a pre-business major, you will satisfy many of the Social Science group requirements with pre-business courses.

General Education: The 'Groups'

Arts and Letters

Group #1 – Arts and Letters



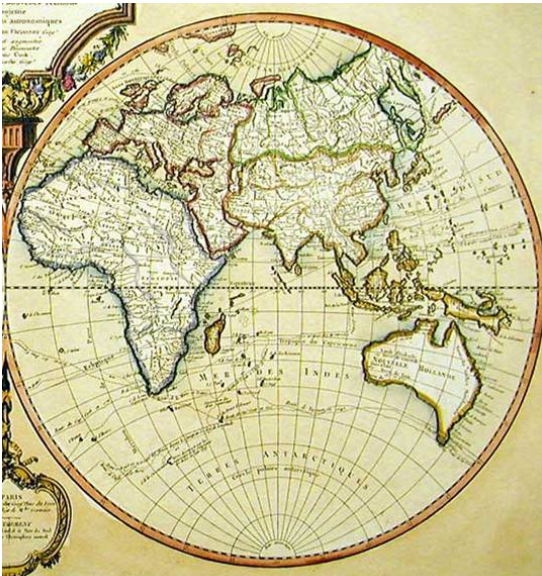
You will take 15 credits in the Arts and Letters Group, which is about 4 classes.

Arts and Letters classes teach you about the world of the arts such as literature, philosophy, art, language, music and more.

The UO Course Connector can help you find [classes that satisfy the Arts and Letters](#) Group requirement.

General Education: The ‘Groups’ Social Science

Group #2 – Social Science



You will take 15 credits in the Social Science Group, which is about 4 classes. As a business major, you will take 3 courses in pre-business classes that satisfy this requirement; you will only need to select one additional class.

Social Science classes teach you about culture such as history, psychology, the humanities, economics, international studies and more.

The UO Course Connector can help you find [classes that satisfy the Social Science](#) Group requirement.

General Education: The 'Groups' Science

Group #3 – Science



You will take 15 credits in the Science Group, which is about 4 classes. As a business major, you will take 1 course in pre-business classes that satisfies this requirement.

Science classes include courses such as math, physics, computer science, chemistry, biology and more.

The UO Course Connector can help you find [classes that satisfy the Science](#) Group requirement.

General Education: Multicultural

The final General Education requirement are Multicultural courses. These courses will expose you to cultures other than your own and expand your understanding of the world.

You are required to take two courses that are designated either:

American Cultures (AC)

Identity, Pluralism and Tolerance (IP)

or

International Cultures (IC)

The UO Course Connector can help you find [classes that satisfy the Multicultural](#) requirement. For a complete list of classes that fulfill this requirement, see [online](#).

Note: Some courses in the 'Groups' requirements may also count as multicultural courses.

Degree Requirements

If you have any questions
about the Degree
Requirements, contact an
Academic Advisor at:

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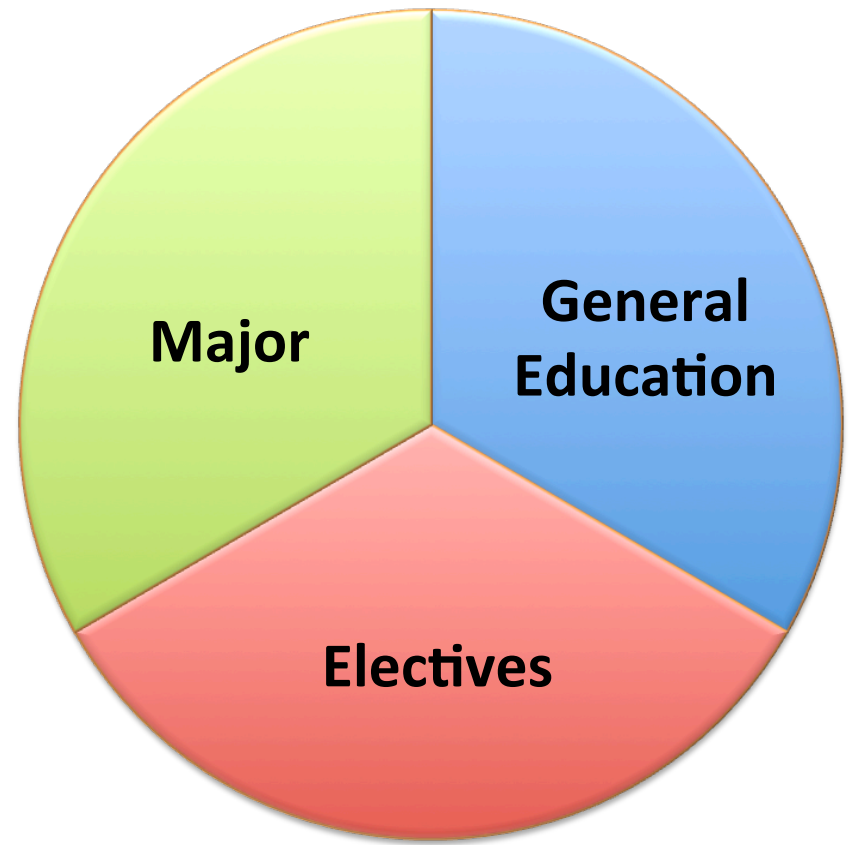
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Additional Resources



- [International Affairs](#)
- [Center for Multicultural Academic Success](#)
- [Disability Services](#)
- [University Teaching and Learning Center \(TLC\)](#)
- [Mills International Center](#)
- [Housing](#)





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