

GENERAL EDUCATION AND BETHEL DISTINCTIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Degree Requirements for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a 2.25 GPA in one's major. The major GPA includes all courses required in the major and all electives taken for the major.
2. A minimum of 122 semester credit hours. Of these, the following must be taken in programs that meet Bethel residency requirements:
 - a. At least 28 credits.
 - b. At least half of the credits used to meet the requirements of the major.
 - c. CAPS Bethel Distinctive courses.
 - d. Specific courses in a program may be required to be taken in residence.
3. Completion of required general education curriculum for College of Adult & Professional Studies students, distributed as indicated (see: General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/general-education-overview>)).
4. Completion of the requirements of a major (see: Academic Programs and Disciplines (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-programs-disciplines>)).
5. A minimum of 37 credits at the upper-division (300 and 400) level.
6. Demonstration of basic competencies in writing, speaking, and computing. Bethel faculty require the applications of these three competencies to regular courses in each major. Student knowledge of basic applications in their fields will be required.
7. Completion of departmental and institutional assessment activities.
8. Upon completion of requirements 1–7, participation in a commencement ceremony is expected. The Application for Commencement must be submitted to the College of Adult & Professional Studies.

General requirements allow for inclusion of credits from a higher level. Students graduate under the requirements of the most current catalog at the time they enter Bethel for the last time. Any substitutions are determined by the College of Adult & Professional Studies.

CAPS Bethel Distinctives (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-programs-disciplines/general-studies/#newitemtext>)

2 courses:

- Community, Self, and Formation: Ancient and Contemporary Narratives (CORE 300)
- Examining Crucial Questions (CORE 330)

Goal Area 1 (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>): **Communication**

3 courses including an Academic Research Writing (R category) course.

Goal Area 2 (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>): **Critical Thinking**

2 courses. SOCS 110 Succeeding in College is required in residence for Transfer Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Goal Area 3 (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>): **Natural Sciences**

3 courses

Goal Area 4 (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>): **Mathematical/Logical Reasoning**

1 course

Goal Area 5 (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>): **History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences**

3 courses

Goal Area 6: (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/caps-courses-goal-area>) **The Humanities and Fine Arts**

4 courses including a Category H course

Transfer Students

Students transferring that completed MNTC programs or hold A.A. or Bachelors degrees

MNTC: The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) completed at a regionally accredited institution prior to enrollment in the College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS) fulfills many general education requirements. Students whose complete MNTC packages are accepted in transfer need to complete only the following courses to fulfill their general education requirements:

- CAPS Bethel Distinctives courses.
- An Academic Research Writing (R category) course.
- An Ethics (H category) course.

AA: An Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) earned at a regionally accredited institution prior to enrollment in College of Adult & Professional Studies fulfills many general education requirements. Students whose A.A. degrees are accepted in transfer need to complete only the following courses to fulfill their general education requirements:

- CAPS Bethel Distinctives courses.
- An Academic Research Writing (R category) course.
- An Ethics (H category) course.

Bachelor's Degree: A bachelor's degree earned at a regionally accredited institution prior to enrollment in the College of Adult & Professional Studies fulfills many general education requirements. Students whose bachelor's degrees are accepted in transfer need to complete only the following courses to fulfill their general education requirements:

- CAPS Bethel Distinctives courses.
- An Ethics (H category) course.