

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

- 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.
- 3. Completion of required general education curriculum for College of Adult & Professional Studies students, distributed as indicated [see: General Requirements below].
- 4. Completion of the requirements of a major [see: Academic Programs and Disciplines (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-programs-disciplines/>)].
- 5. A minimum of 36 credits at the upper-division (300 and 400) level.
- 6. Fulfillment of the residency requirements for the College of Adult and Professional Studies by taking the following from Bethel University:
 - a. At least 30 total credits.
 - b. At least half of the credits used to meet the requirements of the major.
 - c. CAPS Bethel Distinctive courses.
 - d. SOCS110 for Transfer Level A.
 - e. Specific courses in a program, if any, that are required to be taken in residence.
- 7. Demonstration of basic competencies in writing, speaking, and computing. Bethel faculty require the applications of these three competencies to courses in each major. Student knowledge of basic applications in their fields will be required.
- 8. Completion of departmental and institutional assessment activities.
- 9. Upon completion of requirements 1–8, participation in a commencement ceremony is expected. The Application for Commencement must be submitted to the College of Adult & Professional Studies.

General Education Requirements

General requirements allow for the inclusion of credits from a higher level. Students graduate under the requirements of the most current catalog at the time they began their studies at Bethel. If they have pursued more than one degree or certificate, the catalog that applies to them is the catalog in place when they most recently renewed their studies at Bethel. Any substitutions are determined by the College of Adult & Professional Studies.

Courses required in the major are in addition to the CAPS Bethel Distinctives and Goal Area (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/general-education/caps-courses-by-goal-area/>) requirements below.

CAPS Bethel Distinctives	CORE 300 and CORE 330H
Goal Area 1: Communication	8 credit minimum including an Academic Research and Writing course (R category)
Goal Area 2: Critical Thinking	4 credit minimum. SOCS 110 Succeeding in College is required in residence for Transfer Level A.
Goal Area 3: Natural Sciences	8 credit minimum
Goal Area 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3-4 credit minimum
Goal Area 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences	8 credit minimum

Goal Area 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts 8 credit minimum

H Category: Ethics 2 credit minimum

Transfer Students

Incoming Transfer Students With MNTC Package Completion, A.A. or Bachelors Degree

MNTC: The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) completed at an institutionally 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. (not required for students pursuing Bethel A.A. or A.S. degree)

AA: An Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) earned at an institutionally accredited institution prior to enrollment in College of Adult & Professional Studies fulfills many general education requirements needed to complete a Bachelor's degree. Students whose A.A. degrees are accepted in transfer from an institution other than Bethel University 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 an institutionally 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 from an institution other than Bethel University must complete only the following courses to fulfill their general education requirements:

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