Many factors affect both the length of time and the number of credit hours an individual student will require to complete the baccalaureate degree. Full-time undergraduate students are expected to complete at least 12 credit hours per semester. Failure to complete an average of 15 credits per semester may lengthen the student's time to graduation. Some majors do require formal admission beyond that required for admission to the university in general.

Students should meet with their academic advisors regularly to plan their academic schedules. To graduate, students must complete specific university requirements as well as requirements within the major. Students who change majors may find that additional requirements must be fulfilled. Changing majors excessively, or after the third or fourth semester of study, may also lengthen the time to graduation.

Criteria for admission to a specific major (outlined in the University Catalog) and continuation in that major may include a university grade point average exceeding that required for continuation within the university as a whole. Students considering such majors should become familiar with the guidelines, and work with an academic advisor, as soon as possible to ensure that they meet the criteria.