

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

32 UNITS

32 ACADEMIC UNITS: 32 units are required for Graduation. Courses can meet multiple requirements based on the attributes they carry but can generally only count toward one requirement. 1 unit equals 4 credits.

PE COURSES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES do not carry academic credit. Some majors and minors may require participation in non-credit brown bags, colloquia, or lectures.

GRADES: 2.0 or better is required for all course requirements. Courses with grades between 1.0 and 1.7 count toward Residency and as electives toward the 32 units for graduation.

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EMILY BALCH SEMINAR:

The Emily Balch Seminar (EMLY 0001) must be completed in the first semester with a grade of 2.0 or better.

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QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENT:

Successful completion of the Quantitative Readiness assessment or QUAN 0001, AND 1 unit to meet the Quantitative and Mathematical Reasoning requirement (QM).

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POWER, INEQUITY, AND JUSTICE:

For students who enter Fall 2023 and later only.
1 unit in a course designated PIJ. PIJ courses can double count toward an Approach to Inquiry.

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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

2 units in a foreign language.
Two consecutive courses in the same language based on placement; or two advanced level courses taught in the same language.

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APPROACHES TO INQUIRY: SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION:

1 unit in a course designated SI.
Each Approaches to Inquiry course must be in a different subject, and only one course may overlap with your major department.

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APPROACHES TO INQUIRY: CRITICAL INTERPRETATION:

1 unit in a course designated CI.
Each Approaches to Inquiry course must be in a different subject, and only one course may overlap with your major department.

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APPROACHES TO INQUIRY: CROSS-CULTURAL ANALYSIS:

1 unit in a course designated CC.
Each Approaches to Inquiry course must be in a different subject, and only one course may overlap with your major department.

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APPROACHES TO INQUIRY: INQUIRY INTO THE PAST:

1 unit in a course designated IP.
Each Approaches to Inquiry course must be in a different subject, and only one course may overlap with your major department.

RESIDENCY

Students must complete at least 6 full-time semesters and earn a minimum of 24 units at Bryn Mawr. (Courses taken at Haverford, Swarthmore, & Penn during the academic year are included in those 24 units.)

A MAJOR

Students declare a major in the Sophomore year before completing 16 units. Majors average from 11-13 courses. Some majors include non-course requirements. Students may declare a major at Bryn Mawr or Haverford.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The PE requirement has three parts:

- Successful completion of the
- THRIVE seminar in the first semester
- Swim Proficiency
- 3 credits of PE electives

Students work with class deans and faculty to design an educational program appropriate to their interests, needs, and long-term goals. Contact the Office of the Registrar for additional information. See full details about degree requirements at brynmawr.edu/inside/academic-information/catalog.

A.B. REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

REQUIRED IN THE FALL OF THE FIRST YEAR:

- Emily Balch Seminar (1 academic unit)
- THRIVE (2 PE credits)

REQUIRED WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR:

- Quantitative Readiness
 - Satisfactory score on Quantitative Readiness Assessment, or Satisfactory score on AP/SAT/ACT exam, or
 - Satisfactory completion of Quantitative Readiness Seminar (QUAN 0001)

REQUIRED BEFORE THE FALL OF THE SENIOR YEAR:

- Quantitative and Mathematical Reasoning:** one course identified as “QM” (1 academic unit)
- Foreign Language:** Two sequential semester-long courses at Bryn Mawr or Haverford College in one language at the elementary or intermediate level, or (for students prepared for advanced work), two advanced semester-long courses in the foreign language(s) in which they are proficient.
- Four Approaches to Inquiry** (4 academic units) comprised of one academic unit at Bryn Mawr or Haverford College in each of the following:
 - Critical Interpretation (CI):** critically interpreting works such as texts, objects, artistic creations, and performances, through a process of close reading.
 - Cross-Cultural Analysis (CC):** analyzing the variety of societal systems and patterns of behavior across space.
 - Inquiry into the Past (IP):** inquiring into the development and transformation of human experience over time.
 - Scientific Investigation (SI):** understanding the natural world by testing hypotheses against observational evidence.
Only one course within a major department may be used to satisfy both the Approaches to Inquiry and the requirements of the major(s). Double majors may use one course from each major.
300 level courses cannot be used satisfy the Approaches to Inquiry.
No more than one course in any given department may be used to satisfy Approaches to Inquiry.
- Swim Proficiency Requirement (1 PE credit):** Passing the swim test, or completing one beginner swim or water safety class
- Three additional elective PE credits (3 PE credits)**

REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE SENIOR YEAR:

- Power, Inequality and Justice:** one course identified as “PIJ” (1 academic unit) (for the Class of 2027 on only)
- Major Requirements** (requirements vary by major)
- 32 units of academic credit**, of which at least 24 were earned in residence over the course of at least 6 semesters.
Note: all academic requirements require minimum grades of 2.0.

WRITE THE COURSES YOU HAVE USED TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUIREMENTS HERE:

Quantitative and Mathematical Reasoning (QM):

Foreign Language:

Cross-Cultural (CC):

Critical Interpretation (CI):

Scientific Investigation (SI):

Inquiry into the Past (IP):

Power, Inequity, & Justice (PIJ):