



# UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Each student is responsible for the proper completion of his/her academic program as based on the requirements stated in the Francis Marion University Catalog. The assigned faculty adviser is available for consultation, but responsibility remains with the student.

## SEMESTER HOUR REQUIREMENT

Francis Marion University offers five baccalaureate degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Business Administration, the Bachelor of General Studies, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Each of these degrees requires a minimum of 120 semester hours of approved credit, which includes those hours required for completion of the General Education Program and those hours required for majoring in the student's area or areas of concentration. Some majors may require more than 120 hours.

## GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS & REQUIREMENTS

FMU offers programs of study that encourage students to think critically and creatively, communicate clearly and honestly, develop appreciation of aesthetic values, and be concerned with the common good as well as their own interests. Our educational goals are sustained by the liberal arts tradition and seek to provide all baccalaureate degree students with the following:

- Goal 1.** The ability to write and speak English clearly, logically, creatively, and effectively.
- Goal 2.** The ability to read and listen with understanding and comprehension.
- Goal 3.** The ability to use technology to locate, organize, document, present, and analyze information and ideas.
- Goal 4.** The ability to explain artistic processes and evaluate artistic product.
- Goal 5.** The ability to use fundamental mathematical skills and principles in various applications.
- Goal 6.** The ability to demonstrate an understanding of the natural world and apply scientific principles to reach conclusions.
- Goal 7.** The ability to recognize the diverse cultural heritages and other influences which have shaped civilization and how they affect individual and collective human behavior.
- Goal 8.** The ability to describe the governing structures and operations of the United States, including the rights and responsibilities of its citizens.

**Goal 9.** The ability to reason logically and think critically in order to develop problem-solving skills and to make informed and responsible choices.

The General Education required of all students at FMU is designed to give students an introduction to the broad areas of knowledge essential to a successful life and career. Included in the General Education program are choices in the humanities, the social sciences, the laboratory sciences, and basic communications. Through this program, students begin to acquire an awareness of the diverse cultures of the past and present. They also develop communication, conceptualization, and analytical and critical thinking skills. These general education courses provide the foundation for the student's declared major.

Students should note the following specific requirements pertaining to the General Education program:

### ENGLISH

Students must complete English Composition through English 102 with a grade of C or higher to satisfy the Communications portion of the General Education Requirements.

### MATHEMATICS

A minimum of six hours in mathematics above Math 110 and 110L. Math 105 and Math 110 and 110L are the only math courses that do not count toward the hours of Mathematics in the General Education Requirements. A B.A. degree allows PRS 203 to be substituted for one of these mathematics courses. Students should consult with their academic advisers concerning their mathematics courses.

MATH 170 and 270 can only be used to fulfill the General Education Requirements for Mathematics for the majors of early childhood education, elementary education, and B.G.S. educational studies.

MATH 134 is required for majors in nursing, business, middle education, and medical technology and is recommended for majors in history and psychology.

### PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Credit toward graduation may not be earned in both Physical Science 101 and any physics course.

### HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES/NATURAL SCIENCES

General Education Requirements in the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Sciences differ for teacher education students seeking South Carolina licensure and are listed under South Carolina Licensure Requirements in the School of Education section of this catalog. Specific General Education Requirements for each teacher licensure program offered at FMU are also listed under each department offering a Teacher Licensure Option.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Completion of a course in a foreign language numbered 202 is required for the Bachelor of Arts degree.