

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES & MAJORS

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree may be earned. The Bachelor of General Studies degree may be earned. The Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree may be earned with a major concentration in Biology, Economics, History, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. Only the Bachelor of Arts degree may be taken with a major concentration in English, French, German, Mass Communication, Spanish, Theatre Arts, or Visual Arts. Only the Bachelor of Science degree may be taken with a major concentration in Art Education, Chemistry, Computational Physics, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Physics, Healthcare Administration, Middle Level Education, Engineering Technology, or Music Industry. Only the Bachelor of Business Administration degree may be taken with a major concentration in Accounting, Business Economics, Finance, General Business Administration, Management, Management Information Systems, or Marketing.

MAJOR

The typical liberal arts major at FMU consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours. Students must satisfy all requirements as listed for each major. The list of requirements for each major precedes the list of courses offered in that subject in this catalog.

A minimum of three courses above 299 in the student's major must be earned in residence (see general "Residence Requirements" earlier in this catalog and specific requirements for School of Business students in the Business section of the catalog). Correspondence credit does not count as residential credit.

Students should declare a major no later than the second semester of their sophomore year, and it is desirable that certain course selections be made in the freshman year for students planning to major in one of the business programs, education, mathematics, engineering technology, or one of the sciences.

All major programs require students to complete either a minor of 18 semester hours or two collaterals of 12 semester hours each as part of a degree program at FMU. The only exceptions are programs leading to the Bachelor of Business Administration degree; majors in Art Education, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education (although no minor is required for the Elementary Education major, one collateral is required), Middle Level Education (no minor or collateral is required for the Middle Level Education major, two specified areas of specialization are required); English-Teacher Licensure Option; Math-Teacher Licensure Option (one 12 hour collateral is required); Physics; and double majors (unless a specific minor or collateral is required for one of those majors). Majors in Healthcare Administration (Clinical Track), Bachelor of General Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs do not require a minor or collaterals.

MINOR

A student's minor must be different than the subject area of the student's major area of study.

A student may earn a minor in most of the subject areas offered at FMU through the completion of 18 semester hours. The specific course requirements for minors are found in the department/school sections of this catalog. Specific minors may be required for particular major programs. Students are expected to declare a minor (if required) no later than the second semester of their sophomore year. The minor requirement is waived for students completing a double major unless a specific minor is required for one of those majors.

COLLATERAL

A student's collateral must be different from the subject area of the student's

major area of study.

A student may earn a collateral in most subject areas offered at FMU through the completion of 12 semester hours. The specific course requirements for collaterals are found in the department/school sections of this catalog. Specific collaterals may be required for particular major programs. Students are expected to declare a collateral (if required) no later than the second semester of their sophomore year. The collateral requirement is waived for students completing a double major unless a specific collateral is required for one of those majors. Although no minor is required for the Elementary Education major, one collateral is required.

DOUBLE MAJOR

The minor and collateral requirement is waived for students completing a double major unless a specific minor or collateral is required for one of those majors. The double major will be listed on the student's transcript, but only one diploma will be awarded.

SECOND DEGREE

A second baccalaureate degree may be earned after the first degree has been awarded by an accredited institution. Students will be considered as having met the General Education Requirements. Some exceptions may occur due to outside accrediting agencies. Students are required to meet with an academic adviser to review the requirements for the major in which the student wishes to earn the second degree. Second degree students must complete a minimum of 25% of the semester hours required to complete the major in residence at FMU, including 12 semester hours above the 299 level in the major. All course requirements for the second major must be satisfied.

SPECIALIZATIONS

Within some majors, specializations are offered allowing students to plan a focused area of study. Described under degree programs, the specializations are labeled either options, tracks, concentrations, or specializations.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The rationale and organizing principles that guide the School of Education's development of professional education programs are couched in a tripod model which mirrors the school's goals for its students. We believe that our students must be knowledgeable about learners, content, and pedagogy. Students must be reflective as they plan, implement, and evaluate pedagogical and curricular issues. Students must be collaborative, developing and honing communication and leadership skills necessary to work with colleagues, students, parents, and community leaders to plan and implement efficient and effective educational programs and to initiate change when needed. We believe that critical thinking is the connecting strand which permeates these three elements. Critical thinking is a process which involves assessment, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and appropriate action. It is our goal to prepare the Professional Educator for the 21st century.

South Carolina teacher licensure requires completion of an approved professional education program.

The professional education programs approved and available at FMU are those listed below. Major requirements for these professional education programs are listed in their respective sections of this catalog.

Licensure Area	Grade Levels
Art Education	K-12
Early Childhood Education	Pre K-3
Elementary Education	2-6
Middle Level Education	5-8
English	9-12
Mathematics	9-12