

The College Catalog 2017-2018

Educational Objectives and Enrollment

The College residential and curricular experience is predicated on the community that students build by attending classes together and by learning from faculty and each other in academic and social settings. We believe that successful education at the college level depends to a large extent on regular attendance at classes and laboratories, and therefore it is the expectation of the College that students will attend all classes for which they have registered. Nevertheless, it is up to the individual department, faculty member, or instructor to set the attendance policy for their individual courses.

All students enroll in the general education curriculum, designed with the expectation that in the first two years of study a student will complete general education requirements and introductory courses in a major. The final two years of enrollment are devoted to advanced work in the major and elective courses that build on the foundation laid in the first two years.

In order to engage in this structured plan, students must register full time (with three or four courses) in each quarter of the standard academic year (autumn, winter, spring) for the first two years. Full-time registration allows for completion of the general education requirements and introductory courses to the major, and enables students to participate fully in the intellectual life of the College. As young scholars, students test their understanding and perspective across all disciplines in conversation with peers. The community that develops in College Housing and in cocurricular student life builds on students' common experiences in learning and in exploring beyond the classroom. Further, the elements of the general education curriculum provide cross-disciplinary perspectives on enduring questions and create the habits of mind that prepare students for advanced studies.

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This document should contain certain fonts with restrictive licenses. For this draft, substitutions were made using less legally restrictive fonts. Specifically:

Times was used instead of Trajan.

Times was used instead of Palatino.

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