

Simmons College Requirements

Your faculty has invested many hours in discussing what it means to be an educated person who graduates from Simmons College, regardless of major or plans after graduation. This vision has guided us in our design of the College Requirements.

Basically, we believe that our graduates should be skilled in navigating through a world that is daily becoming more interconnected and complex. Therefore, the College requirements are designed to structure your education so that by the time you graduate, you will have developed the following skills and understanding:

1. An ability to communicate effectively, particularly through critical thinking, reading, and writing;
2. An understanding of languages and cultures other than your own;
3. An ability to use technology to enhance your learning;
4. An exposure to a broad range of course and modes of thinking; and,
5. An opportunity for academic specialization, independent intellectual development, and career preparation.

An official description of the College Requirements can be found in the 2008-2010 Undergraduate Course Catalog.

	First-Year Students	Transfer Students	Dix Scholars
Multidisciplinary Core Course (MCC) – take in your first year at Simmons	MCC 101 and 102	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 semesters of college-level writing coursework: fulfilled b. 1 semester of college-level writing coursework – MCC 102 c. No previous college-level writing coursework – MCC 101 and 102 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 semesters of college-level writing coursework: fulfilled b. 1 semester of college-level writing coursework or no previous writing coursework – MCC 103 c. MCC director will advise if second writing course is necessary.
Basic Math Competency	Passing score on competency exam, score of 600 or more on math SAT, score of 24 or more on math ACT; Math 101 or 102 at Simmons	Passing score on competency exam, score of 600 or more on math SAT, score of 24 or more on math ACT; Math 101 or 102, or evidence of equivalent course at another school	
Language Requirement	Proficiency at intermediate level demonstrated by an AP score of 3, 4, or 5, placement results, SAT subject Test core of 560 or above, or courses through 201-level		Waived
	<i>waived for international students whose first language is not English and, in some cases, for students with documented language based learning disabilities</i>		
Modes of Inquiry (May count towards major/minor)	One course in each of 6 modes	One course in each of 6 modes (transfer courses may count towards modes in some cases)	
Major	At least 28 semester hours (varies by major)		
2nd Major or Minor	Optional; requirements vary		
Independent Learning	8-24 semester hours; usually fulfilled within major		

Number of semester hours required for graduation: 128

Minimum grade point average (GPA) to receive the baccalaureate degree: 2.00