

Ursuline College

General Curriculum Terms

- Program:** A general umbrella term for curricular material. Term used by Program Review Committee.
- Major:** Collection of courses defined by specified guidelines, ranging from 30-70 credit hours. Term used by departments for degree-seeking undergraduates who must select at least one major for graduation. New majors are approved by the Program Review Committee and the Curriculum Committee.
- Minor:** Smaller collection of courses defined by specified guidelines, ranging from 18-24 credits. Term used by departments for degree-seeking undergraduates. Completion of a minor is optional for graduation. Note that some minors are interdisciplinary.

TERMS FOR A PARTICULAR FOCUS

- Track:** A specified focus within a major or minor, used to distinguish among related course selections with a common core. Term used by such departments as Biology and Psychology.
- Concentration:** A specified collection of courses. Term used by such departments as Art and Education.
- Certificate of Completion:** Awarded for completion of all requirements for a major without the credits needed for a degree. Term used for non-degree-seeking students.
- Certificate of Proficiency:** Awarded for completion of a collection of courses defined by specified guidelines, generally larger than a minor but smaller than a major, ranging from 18-36 credits. Term used by such departments as Health Care Administration, Health Care Informatics, and Social Media Communications.
- Workshop:** A short-term program, often available non-credit for 1, 2, or 3 credit hours. Term used especially by the Education Department and other graduate departments. Tuition varies.