

# DEGREE INFORMATION

To earn a bachelor's degree at Le Moyne College, a student must satisfactorily complete 120 semester hours of credit or more, depending upon the program selected.

The semester hour is the unit of instruction used for computing the amount of work required for graduation. One semester hour is equivalent to one 50-minute period of lecture or recitation per week for one semester. Three clock hours of laboratory work are equal to one period of lecture or recitation.

A semester-hour credit is the amount of credit earned by the study of one course which meets once a week for at least a 15-week semester. No number of credits, however, will entitle a student to a degree. The requirements for each program consist of the specific outline of the courses required for the respective degrees and majors, together with the credits attached to each.

## Core Curriculum

At Le Moyne College a solid grounding in the humanities and the sciences is an essential element in each student's preparation for a meaningful and productive life. The College, therefore, requires participation in the core curriculum, a special series of required courses and course options designed to assist students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values that are the basis of a liberal education in the Jesuit tradition. For a complete listing of these requirements, see the Core Curriculum website (<http://collegcatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum>).

## Matriculation

Matriculated students have been admitted into the College and must be pursuing a Le Moyne College degree. All full-time students will be considered matriculated. Nonmatriculated students may select courses according to their individual interests but are advised that if they should later decide to matriculate, only courses applicable to a specific degree program can be counted toward that degree. Part-time students may study on either a matriculated or a nonmatriculated basis.

## Degrees

All degrees awarded by Le Moyne College are authorized by the New York State Board of Regents and are registered with the New York State Education Department. See the list of degree programs on the Academic Information (<http://collegcatalog.lemoyne.edu/general-information/academic>) page.

### Graduation Requirements

In order to receive a bachelor's degree, the student must:

- Obtain a passing grade in all courses required for the major program including the College core.
- Complete half of the major requirements at Le Moyne.
- Complete half the minor requirements at Le Moyne.
- Have a 2.0 overall G.P.A.
- Have a 2.0 G.P.A. in the major courses and/or minor courses.
- Complete the last 30 hours at Le Moyne.
- Complete any additional requirements as specified in a particular major.

## Majors

Le Moyne College offers a wide array of undergraduate majors leading to the completion of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. See the list of undergraduate majors on the Academic Information (<http://collegcatalog.lemoyne.edu/general-information/academic>) page.

### Dual Majors vs. Double Majors

If two or more academic departments have agreed upon an organized a curriculum, approved by the Curriculum Committee, they are referred to as a "dual majors." Any two or more majors combined within an academic program that are not approved by the Curriculum Committee as dual majors are therefore referred to as a "double major."

Students who wish to receive two majors within a single degree (B.S. or B.A.) must complete the core and courses described in a major and major supporting courses for each of the majors before being certified for graduation. Students who declare two majors amongst different degrees (B.S. and B.A.) must satisfactorily complete all requirements for both degrees and earn a minimum of 144 semester hours.

### Changing or Adding a Major

Before either changing or adding a major, a student must consult with the chair of the department that administers the new major. The department chair will advise him or her of the course requirements and career opportunities in the field. Any change or addition of a major must be presented to the Registrar's Office. A 2.0 G.P.A. must be maintained in the major.

Some departments may have caps on the maximum number of students who can pursue a major that they offer, due to staffing or other reasons. In cases where a cap has been reached, a student may not be able to change to or add this major.

## Minor Programs

A list of minor programs can be found in the Academic Information (<http://collegcatalog.lemoyne.edu/general-information/academic>) section of this catalog.

The College requires that half the courses used for a minor be taken at Le Moyne. Specific requirements for a minor are determined by each department. The minor course of study is required for some programs but available to every student, and approval by the major and minor department chairs is required.

Each department has the option of requiring an interview with its chair before admitting any student to its minor program. In any case, the student's declaration of an intended departmental minor must be presented in the Registrar's Office.

A student must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.0 in the courses fulfilling the minor requirements. For more information, refer to specific areas of study.