

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

This section of the catalog provides an overview of all of the academic programs at The College of St. Scholastica. Curriculum details for the undergraduate programs are provided in the Academic Program, Curriculum and Course Descriptions sections of this catalog.

Programs of the College

All programs offered by The College of St. Scholastica are described in detail later in this catalog. Please use the link below to refine your search.

Find your program. (<http://catalog.css.edu/programs-az/>)

Degrees

The College of St. Scholastica awards the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of Education (M. Ed.)
- Master of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.)
- Master of Science (M.S.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Academic Organization

The majors and minors of The College are housed within six academic schools. Many programs also are offered in nontraditional formats on the Duluth campus, extended campuses across Minnesota and online.

- School of Arts and Letters
- Stender School of Business and Technology
- School of Education and Social Work
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Nursing
- School of Sciences

Glossary of Terms

Major: A designation signifying an area of academic emphasis; the completion of specific requirements in the major field indicates mastery of the subject as defined and approved by the appropriate department. The major is recorded on the student's transcript and diploma. Majors come in three types:

1. the departmental major
2. the school major
3. the self-designed major

Departmental majors: Available only in some undergraduate programs, departmental majors are named on transcripts, listed in the catalog, have specific structures and requirements including prerequisites, and represent a commitment by The College to offer everything necessary for undergraduate students to complete the major within the Four-

Year Pledge (excluding exceptions specified within the pledge). The departmental major is recorded on the student's transcript and diploma.

School majors: Available only in some undergraduate programs, school major requirements are listed in the catalog under the school name. School deans are responsible for advising and approving school major plans. The school major is recorded on the student's transcript and diploma.

Self-designed majors: The individual undergraduate student who desires to pursue a course of study that does not fit any department or school structure can work with an individual faculty member to create a coherent program that reflects academic rigor and individual initiative. Self-designed plans need approval by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee before more than half of the planned credits are taken. The self-designed major is recorded on the student's transcript and diploma.

Minor: Available only in undergraduate programs, a minor is a designation signifying an optional area of academic emphasis in addition to the chosen major. The completion of specific requirements in the minor field indicates a working knowledge of a subject as defined and approved by the appropriate department. The minor is recorded on the student's transcript.

Concentration: An area of specialization within a major. The concentration is recorded on the student's transcript.

Certificate: A cluster of courses that results in the award of a certificate, but not a degree.

Licensure program: A specialized form of a certificate that enables students to pursue licensure in a particular profession. Licensure programs serve the needs of students who already hold a degree in another subject area and therefore do not require another degree.

Course offerings: A group of courses in a specific area without a corresponding major or minor.

Four-Year Pledge to Undergraduate Students

St. Scholastica pledges that new undergraduate students who enter The College as first-year undergraduate students and follow these guidelines will graduate in four years.

We make this pledge because we are committed to quality education, we have confidence in our advisement program and availability of course offerings and we desire to keep The College affordable to all students.

Requirements of the St. Scholastica Four-Year Pledge:

1. Complete an average of 16 credits counting toward graduation each semester (32 credits a year). You may use credit earned during the summer to meet the 32-credit-per-year requirement.
2. Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and you attain the required grade in all courses in your intended major.
3. Do not fail or withdraw from any course without making up the credits during this four-year period of time.
4. Are formally accepted into your chosen major no later than the spring semester of your sophomore year, follow the course sequence in the advisor's manual and maintain that major's required academic progression and skills requirements.

If you meet these requirements and still do not complete your education in four years, St. Scholastica will offer you a grant (after federal and state financial aid have been credited to you) to cover tuition costs until the degree program is completed. A student exercising the pledge must apply for financial aid as he or she enters the fifth year.

Exceptions:

- If you are formally accepted into one major and change majors during the four-year period.
- If you elect additional majors, minors, or certificates that extend the course of study. In addition, this pledge does not apply to students in the chemistry middle/secondary education major, as the dual science and education requirements often extend the degree beyond four years.
- If you "stop out" for a semester due to personal, financial or other reasons; you are no longer covered by the pledge.