

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students generally are governed by the catalog in effect when they enroll at Mount Marty College. However, students may meet the graduation requirements of any subsequent catalog published during their continued enrollment. A particular catalog's requirements must be adopted in whole; that is, mixing the requirements between catalogs is not permitted unless covered by an explicit policy exemption.

Commencement

Mount Marty College holds commencement ceremonies in December and May in Yankton and May in Watertown, but has three official conferral dates (December, May and August). Students who have eight or fewer credits to complete graduation requirements in the next semester, will be permitted to participate in ceremony prior to that semester. Students completing degree requirements in August participate in May graduation ceremonies (with the exception of the practical nursing certificate students). Students completing a Medical Laboratory Science or Radiologic Technology internship by September 1st of the same year will be permitted to participate in the May ceremony. Candidates for degrees are required to make formal application for their degree in the registrar's office by the deadline published on the website.

If a student decides to continue taking classes after earning a degree and not breaking enrollment, they may either:

1. Earn an additional major by taking the necessary classes and a notation will be made on their transcript that requirement of an additional major were satisfied at a later date. Students would be considered unclassified and ineligible for financial assistance.
2. Earn an additional degree by earning a minimum of 32 additional credits for bachelor's degree or 16 credits for an associate's degree.

Although Mount Marty College takes pride in its network of academic advisors who assist students in working toward a degree, the final responsibility for completing all degree requirements rests with the student.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are awarded to students earning bachelor degrees in recognition of superior scholarship. Awards are determined on the following grade-point basis: 3.9 summa cum laude, 3.7 magna cum laude, 3.5 cum laude. Students who graduate with honors must have no grade lower than "C." All undergraduate post-secondary course work is included in the calculation of grade point average for honors.

Master's Degree

1. Meet minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and departmental GPA requirements.
2. Successfully complete departmental requirements for comprehensive exams.
3. Successfully complete the courses specified by the student's major.
4. See department requirements for other specific requirements.

Bachelor's Degree

1. Meet minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and departmental GPA requirements.
2. Earn 128 total credit hours to include those courses specified by the student's major including a minimum of 60 credits of upper-level courses (200+ or higher).
3. Earn a grade of C or higher in general education, major, minor, required related, emphasis area courses.
4. Successfully complete departmental requirements for comprehensive exams.
5. Earn 32 of the final 40 credit hours in residence at Mount Marty College.
6. Earn at least 16 credit hours in the major area in residence.
7. Earn one half the credits required for a minor in residence (if applicable).
8. Successfully complete general education course requirements as outlined below
9. Other requirements may be specified by major department.
10. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the department involved and the academic dean. Residence credit does not include credit received through portfolio assessment or by challenge examination. Credits earned through internships, student teaching, practicums or any other off-campus programs specifically designed by departments to fulfill requirements for graduation are counted as residence credits.

6 credits Art, Music, Theatre or Modern Language (minimum of two disciplines)

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| 2 credits | CIS-125, Basic Skills in Information Technology |
| 3 credits | ENG-103, Composition I: The Essay |
| 3 credits | ENG-104, Composition II: Critical Writing |
| 3 credits | HIS-106, Ancient and Medieval World Cultures or HIS-107, 16th to 18th Century World Cultures or HIS-108, 19th to 20th Century World Cultures or HIS-228, U.S. History & Government for Teachers or HIS-229, U.S. History Since 1877 |
| 3 credits | Literature Course |
| 3 credits | MTH-125, Elementary Applications in Mathematics (or higher) |
| 4 credits | Natural Science Lab Course |
| 1 credit | PED-101, Life Long Wellness |
| 3 credits | PSY-101, Introduction to Psychology PSY-165, Lifespan Development |
| 1 credit | RSP-125, The Wisdom of Benedict |
| 3 credits | RSP-126, Critical Thinking in Ethics |
| 3 credits | RSP-150, Introduction to Christianity |
| 3 credits | RSP Elective |
| 3 credits | SOC-100, Introduction to Sociology or SOC-225, Foundations of Human Relations or SOC/EDN-377, Human Relations Skills |

3 credits STH-130, Speech Communications

20 hours Service to the Human Community

Associate's Degree

1. Meet minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and departmental GPA requirements.
2. Earn 64 total credit hours to include those courses specified by the student's major.
3. Earn a grade of C or higher in general education, major, minor, required related courses.
4. Successfully complete departmental requirements for comprehensive exams.
5. Earn 16 of the final 20 credit hours in residence at Mount Marty College.
6. Earn at least 8 credit hours in the major area in residence.
7. Earn one half the hours required for a minor in residence (if applicable).
8. Successfully complete general education course requirements as outlined below.
9. Other requirements may be specified by major department.
10. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the department involved and the academic dean. Residence credit does not include credit received through portfolio assessment or by challenge examination. Credits earned through internships, student teaching, practicums or any other off-campus programs specifically designed by departments to fulfill requirements for graduation are counted as residence credits.

6 credits Art, Literature, Music, Theatre or Modern Languages (minimum of two disciplines)

2 credits CIS-125, Basic Skills in Information Technology

3 credits ENG-103, Composition I: The Essay

3 credits ENG-104, Composition II: Critical Writing

3 credits HIS-106, Ancient and Medieval World Cultures or

HIS-107, 16th to 18th Century World Cultures or
HIS-108, 19th to 20th Century World Cultures or
HIS-228, U.S. History & Government for Teachers or
HIS-229, U.S. History Since 1877

3 credits MTH-125, Elementary Applications in Mathematics (or higher)

4 credits Natural Science Lab Course

1 credit PED-101, Life Long Wellness

3 credits RSP-126, Critical Thinking in Ethics or
RSP-150, Introduction to Christianity

3 credits PSY-101, Introduction to Psychology or
PSY-165, Lifespan Development or
SOC-100, Introduction to Sociology or
SOC-225, Foundations of Human Relations or
SOC/EDN-377, Human Relations Skills

3 credits STH-130, Speech Communications

20 hours Service to the Human Community

Certificate

1. Earn a grade of C or higher in required courses.
2. Earn one half the credits required in residence.
3. See department requirements for other specific requirements.