

## Seven Basic Requirements needed to obtain a baccalaureate degree

There are three major parts of your baccalaureate degree and seven basic requirements defined in the California Code. Most of your courses will fall into one of the three major parts of the degree: (1) the General Education (G.E.) requirements for basic skills and breadth, (2) the major for depth in one field, and (3) free electives which you can use to shape your education in directions you choose. Each of these will be described in later sections.

These are the seven basic requirements for your B.A. or B.S. degree defined in the Code:

1. Completion of a 72 quarter-unit program of General Education-Breadth requirements (Check your pattern <http://www.csu Hayward.edu/GED/gerequirementfrontpage.htm>)
2. Completion of one of the majors described in this catalog (<http://www.csu Hayward.edu/ecat/index.html>)
3. Completion of the U.S. history, U.S. Constitution, and California state and local government requirement through coursework (check your GE pattern, see website above) or exams (contact the Assessment and Testing Office - <http://www.testing.csu Hayward.edu> - for more information)
4. Satisfaction of the University Writing Skills requirement by passing two freshman-level English composition courses and the upper division University Writing Skills Requirement (<http://www.testing.csu Hayward.edu/wsthome.asp>).
5. Completion of a minimum of 45 quarter units in residence (enrolled as an admitted student) at Cal State Hayward, including at least 36 upper division units, 18 units in your major, and 12 units of G.E. (Units you earn at other institutions, units you earn through the Cal State Hayward Extended and Continuing Education Division such as Open University, and units you earn through Credit-by-Examination are not residence units.) Your last two quarters of enrollment must be at Cal State Hayward if you are to receive your degree from us. Waivers may be possible for extenuating circumstances. Contact your advisor for information.
6. Completion of at least 180 quarter units for your B.A. degree, 198 quarter units for your B.F.A. degree, or 180-210 quarter units for your B.S. degree. At least 60 of these units must be in upper division courses (courses numbered 3000 and above). No more than 60 units can be graded in the Credit/No Credit pattern (CR/NC or A/B/C/NC). No more than 36 units can be in Extension, Open University, Special Session, or correspondence credit, and no more than 45 units can be earned credit-by-examination (excepting Advanced Placement).
7. Attainment of a grade point average of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 scale in all units you attempt at Cal State Hayward, all the units you attempt including transfer units, and all units you attempt in the major regardless of the department in which they are taught.