

**Graduation in Absentia.** On-campus commencement services occur in May and August. Students are expected to participate in all of the services unless graduating in absentia.

At the time of application for graduation/marching, students must indicate whether or not they plan to participate in the ceremony. Those who complete all degree requirements and choose to graduate in absentia forfeit their right to participate in a later graduation ceremony. Those who participate in a graduation ceremony before completing all degree requirements under the terms specified below may not participate for a second time when they complete their requirements.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

Graduation ceremonies are intended to recognize students who have completed all degree requirements and to celebrate their achievements. Students who are nearly completed with their degree requirements are also permitted to march and participate in the celebration within guidelines designed to maintain integrity of the degree-awarding process.

Upon submission of their Application for Graduation/Marching by the published deadline, students are authorized academically to participate in graduation ceremonies when they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Following registration for the term culminating in a Spring or Summer graduation ceremony, they fall within one of the following categories:

- a. Undergraduate students who lack no more than 6 semester credits for degree completion and meet both overall and major GPA requirements. Credits lacking include I's, DG's and unregistered work.

**or**

**GENERAL ADMISSION STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

All undergraduate students must meet minimum general admission standards. Individual schools or departments may set additional standards for entry into particular programs. These standards are often higher than those listed in the Undergraduate General Admission Standards chart.

A student who does not meet the regular admission standards may apply. The student's application materials will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee using recommendations from the academic dean of the college or school in which admission is sought. After the review, the student will receive a letter outlining the conditions to be achieved for regular-student standing or indicating that admission has been denied.

**Home-Schooled Students.** Andrews University welcomes and encourages students who have completed their high-school education in a homeschool setting to apply for admission. Homeschool

- Complete official transcripts are submitted from each institution where work was done. (Registrars of these institutions should send transcripts directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Office of Andrews University.)
- The credits presented for transfer are for college level courses in which the student has earned a grade of C- or higher.
- All credits presented for transfer come directly from accredited institutions.

Requests for transfer of credits may be made only at the time of admission to the university, at the time when a change of program is approved, or if a petition to accept the course is approved and on file before the course is taken. The approving officer may specify conditions that must be fulfilled for the acceptance of the course.

**Limit on Number of Transfer Credits.** The schools of the university allow no more than 70 semester hours to be transferred from community colleges (two-year) and applied on a baccalaureate degree. More may be approved by the dean as part of a planned professional program.

Only 6 transfer credits, including correspondence credits, may be applied on the last 36 semester credits of a degree program. Individual schools and programs may have other limitations on transfer credits.

**Transfer of Credits from an Unaccredited School.** Transfer credits from an unaccredited school are accepted on an individual basis after the student has demonstrated satisfactory academic performance at Andrews University. With advice from the Undergraduate Admissions Office and Academic Records Office, the dean of the school concerned determines the credits to be accepted, based on satisfactory performance in advanced-level courses and/or validation examinations. Likewise, departments determine the credits that can be applied toward a major or minor.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT STATUS**

Dual enrollment status is available to advanced undergraduate students who wish to begin work on a graduate program. However, taking graduate courses does not guarantee or imply future admission to a degree program.

**Requirements for Dual Enrollment.** To be eligible to receive transfer credit for graduate courses, the student must be a member of the university in good standing at the time of enrollment.

students to schedule their courses, to learn how to follow academic rules and regulations, and to make decisions regarding their future.

**Required Placement Tests.** Before registration, all new students must take two placement tests for use in academic advising:

- ACT or SAT

The ACT or SAT is required for admission and should be taken before arriving on campus.

- Mathematics Placement Test

The Mathematics Placement Test is given on campus.

Direct questions concerning advising, tutoring and student success

**Academic Suspension/Dismissal.** Students are subject to academic dismissal in four ways:

- Earning during a given semester a GPA of 1.25 or less
- Two semesters on academic probation
- Failure to meet Probation Student Guidelines for their personal academic probation program outlined by their dean
- Displaying a high degree of academic irresponsibility in matters such as class attendance and homework assignments. Failure to honor the Scholastic Study Lab Contract is sufficient grounds for academic dismissal.

Academically suspended students may appeal to the dean for semester-by-semester admission.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Andrews University provides opportunities for advanced placement by following the methods listed below. This applies only to matriculated students in good and regular standing. Regardless of the method, the most credit that may be applied to a baccalaureate degree is 32 semester credits.

**International Baccalaureate Exam.** Andrews University recognizes scores from the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam as follows:

- For general-education courses, a score of 4 (Higher Level) is considered for general-education credit.
- For major-level courses, a score of at least 5 (Higher Level) will be considered through review by the department for credit towards major requirements.
- The student may be allowed to enroll in a sophomore-level, major-level course with the purpose of validating the IB experience. If a grade of at least B- is obtained in the sophomore-level course, credit for the freshman-level major course(s) would be given.

**Advanced Placement Program.** Some secondary schools offer selected students the opportunity to accelerate learning by taking one or more subjects at the college level during their senior year. In May of each year, the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) gives a set of Advanced Placement (AP) examinations which cover this advanced work. Andrews University cooperates in the Advanced Placement Program, awarding college credit for all AP courses passed with an exam score of three (3.00) or better.

Exceptions: To receive Calculus I and II credit, a score of 4 or 5 must be achieved on the AP Calculus BC examination.

A score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement test in Language and Composition may provide the student with 3 credits for ENGL115 (English Composition 1). A score of 4 or 5 on the Advancement Placement test in Literature and Composition may provide the student with one of the following: 3 credits for ENGL115 OR 3 credits for ENGL255 (Studies in Literature).

**Credit by Examination.** Some students have achieved college-level proficiency on the basis of work experience or informal study. Andrews University provides recognition for such learning through two types of credit-by-examination procedures: (1) recognized standardized tests such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), and (2) through examinations administered and/or prepared by an academic department within the university.

All CLEP and DANTES examinations must be taken during the student's first year in residence. No credit by examination of any type may be taken during the last semester immediately preceding graduation.

Transfer students wishing to apply CLEP or DANTES credits to their Andrews degree must have a CLEP or DANTES transcript

sent to the Andrews Counseling and Testing Center for score evaluation by Andrews University standards. A fee is charged for this evaluation (see the financial section). Credit is allowed if the student scores at or above a score of 50 in a CLEP Subject Examination. Selected DANTES Subject Standardized Tests have been approved as a basis for credit at Andrews University.

Credit by examination is never regarded the same as credit taken in residence. No type of credit by examination may be used to replace failures or other low grades received at Andrews.

Complete information on the subjects accepted by Andrews University for CLEP or DANTES is available from the university's Counseling and Testing Center. Information on challenge exams administered within individual university departments should be sought directly from the respective department(s).

**Validation or Proficiency Exams.** Special examinations may also be taken for reasons other than earning credit. Certain published curricular or degree requirements may be waived, or transfer credits from an unaccredited college may be validated through special examinations. For further information, contact the dean of the respective school.

### SPECIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

**Correspondence Courses.** A maximum of 16 semester credits by correspondence, other than credits taken through Andrews University distance-education courses, is accepted toward a baccalaureate degree. However, correspondence credit may be applied on a major or a minor only with the approval of the department chair. Normally, students do not take correspondence courses while in residence. They may be allowed to do so because of a schedule conflict. Permission must be obtained in writing from the dean of the school in which the credit is to be accepted. Correspondence work is counted as part of the regular college load. Courses should be completed within six months from the time of enrollment.

Only 6 transfer credits, including correspondence credits, may be applied toward the last 36 semester credits of a baccalaureate degree. Correspondence courses cannot be used to replace failures or other low grades earned in residence. All transcripts for correspondence work must be in the Academic Records Office at least 15 days prior to commencement.

**PLA: Prior Learning Assessment.** Credit for PLA is validated and granted through a process that includes the presentation of a portfolio. This credit-granting option is available only to students

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The general requirements are the minimum required to receive a baccalaureate degree. Departments often have higher standards and additional requirements. The minimum, general standards are listed below.

**Credit Requirement**

- A minimum of 124 semester credits must be earned and applied toward the degree.

**Course Requirements**

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees. Students must complete required courses including the following: General

