



CARDINAL STRITCH  
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**Grades in Majors, Minors, Areas of Concentration and Core courses**

A “major” course is one that has the major departmental designation (e.g., BU or CA) and is listed in the current undergraduate catalog as a requirement for a specific major.

An “auxiliary” course is one that may be required for the major or minor but does not have the major or minor department designation; (e.g., MT 120 is a required auxiliary course for business majors.) Auxiliary courses are not counted in the number of required major or minor department credits, unless otherwise stated. In general, grades of “C-” and above are accepted in auxiliary courses unless the individual department establishes a higher minimum grade.

No grade lower than “C-” will be accepted in a student’s major courses, although individual departments may establish a higher minimum grade. A course in which a student earns a grade lower than the minimum acceptable grade may be designated as a general elective, unless the specified course is required for the major. A second unacceptable grade in the major dismisses the student from the major.

A “minor” consists of a number of specified courses determined by each academic department. A student in the general studies associate degree program may choose an “area of concentration” which requires a minimum of 15 credits in one academic area that offers a major or minor. See individual departmental listings.

No grade lower than “C-” will be accepted in a student’s minor or area of concentration although individual departments may establish a higher minimum grade for such courses. If students earn a grade lower than the minimum acceptable grade in a course required for a minor or area of concentration, they may repeat the course only once at Stritch. A second unacceptable grade in the minor or area of concentration dismisses the student from the minor or area of concentration.

The minimum grade accepted for all liberal arts core courses is “D.” A higher grade may be required in some programs. If a student earns a grade lower than the minimum grade accepted in a course required for the liberal arts core, they may repeat this course only once. Exceptions to this general policy will be made if the course is the only core course specified in a designated area. In this latter case, the students must repeat the course until they earn a minimum acceptable grade.

Courses in which a student earns a satisfactory grade (“C-” or better) may not be repeated for credit as a general rule, unless specifically allowed elsewhere in the undergraduate catalog.

Repeating courses off campus can be allowed under extraordinary circumstances and only with the approval of the Registrar in consultation with the major/minor department. If permission is given, the student should be aware that the Stritch grade will remain on record and is calculated in the GPA. Repeating a course off campus will only fulfill the requirement of the Stritch course.

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## RESIDENCY CREDIT POLICY

Cardinal Stritch University, like most universities, seeks to maximize the number of credits students earn here. This ensures that students absorb as much of the University's philosophy as possible by interacting with a large number of faculty and staff, thus creating a distinctive Stritch identity for the student. It is a University requirement that the last 30 credits earned for a bachelor's degree and the last 15 credits for an associate degree be earned at Stritch (residency requirement.) Developmental courses are not included in this number.

All students must also have a minimum of 12 credits in courses taken at Stritch in the undergraduate major and 9 credits in a minor. Colleges may have residency requirements for the major that are above and beyond this. Program residency requirements are published in each college's program materials.

The institution must make available the courses that students need to complete their degree requirements once they have begun a specific program of study. If a student was about to graduate and the University was forced to cancel a required course, permission could be given to take the course elsewhere. **Under ordinary circumstances, once students have matriculated, they may not take courses at other institutions.** Students need explicit permission to take courses at another school and transfer the credits to Stritch. Permission to take courses at another school is granted by the registrar in consultation with the appropriate department and their academic advisor on the basis of need, but will not be granted because of convenience or tuition. If the course is one required in the student's major sequence, the permission of the department chair is also required. Normally, courses in the student's major are to be taken at Stritch.

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## ACADEMIC HONORS

### Graduation Honors

There are three grades of honors conferred at graduation for students who have earned at least 61 credits at Cardinal Stritch University in a bachelor's program: Cum Laude (with distinction), Magna Cum Laude (with great distinction) and Summa Cum Laude (with highest distinction). To be eligible for these honors, the student must have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5, 3.7 and 3.9 respectively. These Latin honors are based on final grades and appear on the student's final transcript and diploma.

Students participating in the commencement ceremony will wear honors cords as part of their academic regalia if they have achieved any of these levels of distinction: Cum Laude (one cord), Magna Cum Laude (two cords, and Summa Cum Laude (three cords). May graduates are given cords based on their cumulative GPA as of fall given that all final grades for spring semester are not submitted by the day of commencement. However, actual honors are still awarded based on all final grades.

The honor of Academic Distinction will be conferred at graduation for students who have earned from 42 up to and including 60 credits at Cardinal Stritch University in a bachelor's program and have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. This honor is based on final grades and appears on the student's final transcript and diploma.

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**Major In Sociology With Social Work Training Certificate Preparation:** 48 or 51 credits (42 department credits, 6 or 9 auxiliary credits)

Required courses for major: SC 101, 210, 211, 212, 216, 304, 380, 401, 403 and five elective courses in sociology.

Required auxiliary courses for major: MT 120 and PS 190 OR MT 120 and PS 101, 220, 221, and 223.

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## DIVISION OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

### Visual Art, Music, and Theater

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## ADVANCED CORE CERTIFICATES AND MINORS

The advanced core certificates allow students to explore an area of interest. Each certificate teaches to the learning outcomes of Franciscan heritage and values and local and global community engagement. Students who complete all six courses (18 credits) in one of the identified areas will receive a minor. All traditional undergraduate students may complete an advanced core certificate, but it is required for all students seeking the Bachelor of Arts and Fine Arts degrees.

The eight Advanced Course Certificates and associated minors are, by nature and design, quintessentially Stritch. Each interdisciplinary certificate brings together courses offered by four different programs and is more than the sum of its parts. Rather than being a set of isolated courses, each Advanced Core Certificate consists of courses that have been carefully designed to be part of an integrated whole. Each course teaches to the certificate's theme through the lens of the discipline from which the course is offered and through the lens of the Franciscan value linked to the certificate. Because the certificates and associated minors have been crafted in this way, the expectation is that the courses are taken at Cardinal Stritch. In some cases, students transferring to Stritch or taking courses in a study-abroad experience may be permitted to substitute one course into an Advanced Core Certificate or minor.