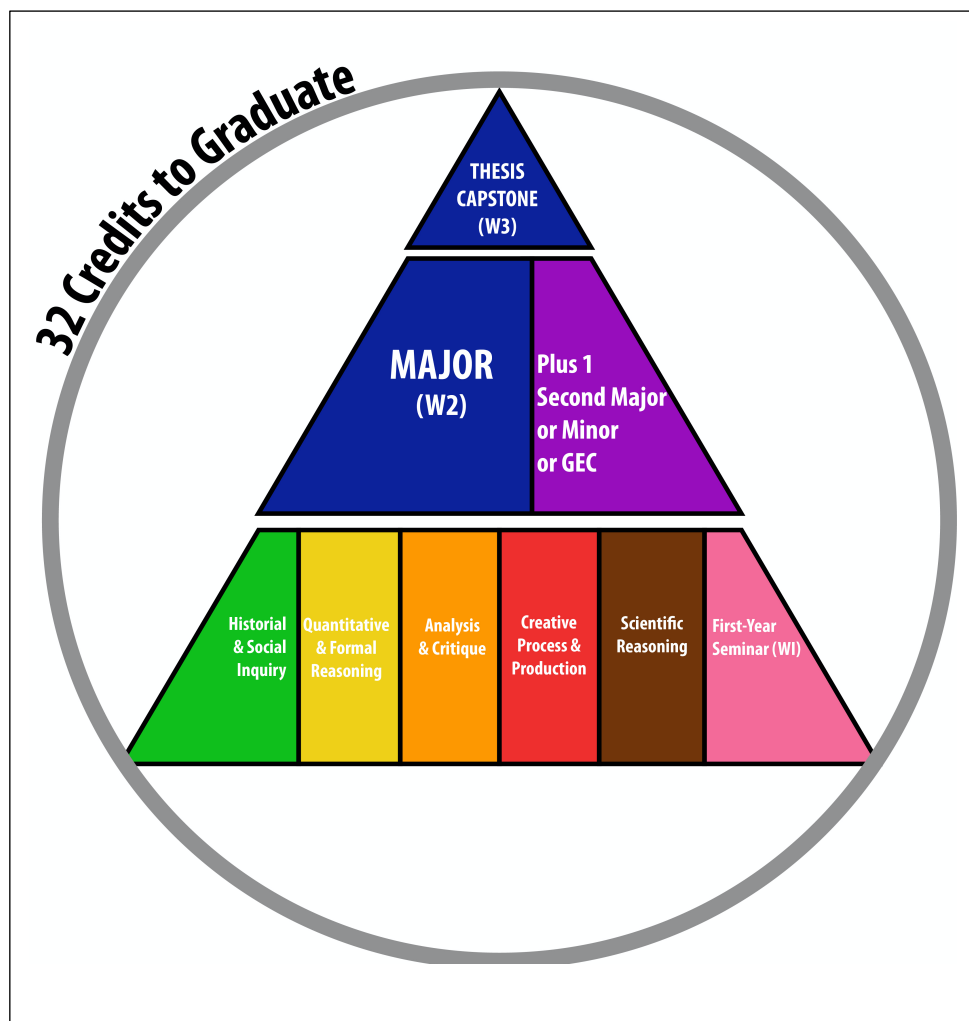


The Bates General Education Requirements



- 5 Mode of Inquiry (MOI) Courses (each satisfied by at least a .5 credit course)
- Enrollment in an FYS
- 3 W courses (W1 (which is the FYS), W2 (often a course within the major), and W3 (thesis or capstone))
- Major + 1 (2nd Major or Minor or GEC)
- 2 short-term courses (students can take up to 3 short-term courses)
- No fewer than 32 credits (4 of which can come from outside of Bates, e.g., AP, IB, or A-Level or summer study [not including study abroad/away via Global Education])
- All General Education Requirements (MOIs, Ws, courses in GECs) must be taken for a letter grade (A-F); Bates students can take 2 courses Pass/Fail. Some courses – such as practitioner-taught Short-Term courses -- are graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory; this is a different grading mode than Pass/Fail and does not impact the 2 Pass/Fail limit
- More information is at
 - The Student Advising Portal
 - <https://www.bates.edu/dof/student-advising-portal/>
 - The First-Year Experience Page
 - <https://www.bates.edu/first-year-experience/>
 - The Bates Catalog
 - <https://catalog.bates.edu/>

A Bates Student's Advising Team



Each Bates student has 2 advisors

- **Academic Advisor:** Until a student declares a major (no later than March 1 of their second year), their pre-major academic advisor is most often their First-Year Seminar instructor. Once a student declares a major, a faculty member within that academic unit becomes their academic advisor. Students also receive an advisor in their minor, should they declare one. The academic advisor helps students explore the curriculum to discover their interests and to fulfill requirements.
- **Student Support Advisor (SSA):** The Student Support Advisor supports student success by ensuring they know whom to go to when they need guidance, assistance, or just someone to talk to. Students are assigned a Student Support Advisor prior to their matriculation and remain with their advisor for the duration of their enrollment at Bates. While their pre-major academic advisor – who is their First-Year Seminar (FYS) instructor – provides the primary academic advising for students, Student Support Advisors are an additional point of contact and support for students who have concerns or questions about their academic plans.

Academic Advisors and Student Support Advisors are listed at the top of a student's Degree Audit and at their landing page on Bates Reach. Both Degree Audit and Bates Reach are accessible via the online Garnet Gateway. To get to Garnet Gateway, students can go to <https://quad.bates.edu/>, click on "Garnet Gateway," and enter their login information.

First-Year students have 2 peer advisors in addition to the 2 professional advisors

- **Residential Junior Advisor (JA):** At Bates, all first-year students live within [First-Year Centers](#) in the residence halls. Each FYC has an assigned junior advisor (a residential advisor often a sophomore or junior) who serves as a key peer resource to assist students in navigating opportunities at Bates. Most common questions about residence life at Bates, e.g., housing accommodation, roommate information, etc., are answered at the [Office of Residence Life and Health Education website](#).
- **Writing Course-Attached Tutor (W-CAT):** At Bates, all first-year students enroll in a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during their Fall semester. Each FYS includes a peer writing tutor, who is a sophomore, junior, or senior who serves as a key resource to assist students in developing their writing and communication skills within the FYS. First-year students can meet with their FYS W-CAT throughout the Fall semester to review FYS assignments with them as well as to get assistance on the First-Year Experience Workshops, which are tethered to the FYS. The W-CATs are part of the student staff at the [Student Writing and Language Center](#), which is part of the Peer Learning Commons. The Peer Learning Commons is on the Ground Level of Ladd Library.