GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOUBLE DEGREE, EFFECTIVE FALL 2013

All students—Arts and Sciences, Conservatory of Music, and Double-Degree—are responsible for compliance with the institutional graduation requirements stated in the Oberlin College Course Catalog in effect when they first matriculate at Oberlin, unless action by an appropriate faculty body specifically directs otherwise.

The following summarizes the revised institutional requirements for the Double Degree:

1. 214 minimum total credits
2. 110 minimum Conservatory credits
3. 88 minimum Arts and Sciences credits

These 88 credits must include completion of 22 full courses or the equivalent, of which at least 20 must be full academic courses (two half academic courses will count as the equivalent of one full course). Up to 2 of the 22 courses may be fulfilled by a combination of co-curricular credits.

4. 7 semesters in residence
5. 3 Winter Term projects
6. Completion of a major in each degree program
7. 40 Arts and Sciences credits (10 full academic courses or the equivalent) by the end of the fifth semester

In order to progress satisfactorily toward the BA degree, it is strongly recommended that double-degree students will have earned at least 16 Arts and Sciences hours by the end of the first year and 32 hours by the end of the second year. By the end of the fifth semester a double-degree student must have earned 40 Arts and Sciences hours. The student will be asked to drop one portion of the double-degree program if the 40-hour rule has not been met. Up to four credits of pre-matriculation transfer credit may count each year toward the satisfactory progress toward the 16-32-40 rule. Transfer credits earned at the end of the first year will be credited to the second year. Students should consult the major grid for the recommended course distribution for each Conservatory major.

8. Curriculum exploration requirement in Arts and Sciences.

Double-degree students are required to complete two full academic courses or the equivalent (8 credits) in each of the three divisions of the college, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, with courses in two different departments or programs within each division, as determined by the course prefix.

One full academic course or the equivalent must be completed in each division by the end of six semesters.

Students are also required to complete two additional full academic courses or the equivalent outside their maximal Arts and Sciences division (the division in which the greatest number of courses is completed for the Arts and Sciences major).

Courses taken to meet the Cultural Diversity requirement, the Quantitative and Formal Reasoning
requirement, and the Writing requirement may be counted simultaneously toward the Curriculum Exploration requirement.

Double-degree students may count Music History courses above MHST 101, upper-division Music Theory courses, and Historical Performance courses toward the Arts and Humanities portion of this requirement. However, these Conservatory courses do not count toward the 88-credit Arts and Sciences requirement.


Students must complete at least three full academic courses with the CD (cultural diversity) designation. The three courses must be earned in at least two different departments or programs, as indicated by the course prefix. Students who study away in a full-semester, credit-bearing international program will receive CD credit equal to one course. Students who study away in a full-semester, credit-bearing U.S. program that directly addresses diversity may petition the Diversity Studies Committee to receive CD credit equal to one course.


Students are required to complete two QFR courses, at least one of which must be completed by the end of the 6th semester for Double Degree students. The QFR requirement can only be satisfied with courses completed at Oberlin College, with the exception that transfer students may petition to count one transferred course with a comparable focus on quantitative and formal reasoning.


Students are required to complete two Writing courses, either W-Intensive (W-Int) or W-Advanced (W-Adv) by the end of the second year of study if at all possible. A third writing course, W-Adv, is strongly recommended. These courses must be completed at Oberlin College, with the exception that transfer students may petition to count one transferred course with a comparable focus on writing.