

Title:	Graduation Residency Requirements
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For Undergraduates:

All first baccalaureate degree students will take at least 30 of their last 45 credits at the degree-granting University; the university may not require a student to take more than 30 credits. All first baccalaureate students will take at least 50% of credits required for the Major from a PASSHE university. The degree-granting University may not require more than 50% of the Major credits. Program exceptions to the policy are to be approved by the OOC.

For Graduate Students:

For master's students, at least 2/3 of the credits meeting program requirements must be taken from the University offering the degree.

Doctoral residency requirements are determined at the program level.

Note that these set the minimum number of credits that must be taken "in residence" and that universities can limit the number of hours that will be allowed to transfer into a graduate program.

For Undergraduate Active-Duty Servicemembers:

For active-duty servicemembers, the academic residency requirements will not exceed 25 percent of the undergraduate degree program.

If the undergraduate degree is available 100 percent online, the academic requirements will not exceed 30 percent of the undergraduate degree program.

With the exception of specific course areas such as majors, the academic residency requirements for active-duty servicemembers will not include a "final year" or "final semester" requirement. In addition, each program is expected to confirm with their respective accrediting agencies the allowable flexibility in order to meet the needs of active-duty servicemembers.

Note also that collaborative programs will be identified such that residency can be met consistent with the collaborative agreement.