

# DEGREES, MAJORS & GRADUATION

## Declaration of Major

Students are expected formally to declare their major area of study by the end of their sophomore year. They should do so by meeting with an adviser in their prospective major and submitting their Declaration of Major through the registrar's office.

## Graduation Application

In the semester prior to which students expect to receive their degrees, they must submit to the registrar's office a Notice of Candidacy for Graduation. This candidacy form must be signed by the student's academic advisor following a review of the student's academic program. The deadline for submitting candidacy forms is found in the college calendar. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the information on the application is correct, to track their academic progress, and to complete in a satisfactory manner all of the requirements needed for graduation.

## Second Degree, Major, or Minor

A student who has earned a bachelor's degree from a college or university other than Randolph-Macon may pursue a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon in a different major. Credits from the original baccalaureate program will be evaluated toward the Randolph-Macon degree according to the college policy on acceptance of transfer credits. The student is expected to fulfill all requirements for a Randolph-Macon degree as listed in the catalog.

A graduate who has earned the degree of bachelor of arts from Randolph-Macon may pursue courses at Randolph-Macon College to fulfill the current requirements of a bachelor of science. The transcript will attest the completion of the requirements of the degree of bachelor of science.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon, a graduate may pursue courses at Randolph-Macon College to fulfill the current requirements of an additional major or minor. The transcript will attest the completion of the requirements for the additional major or minor.

A Randolph-Macon graduate who subsequently meets the requirements for the additional bachelor of science degree, major(s), or minor(s) will not receive a new diploma and will not be part of the graduation ceremony. Students wishing to pursue any of these options must apply to the registrar and receive approval from the chair/director of their programs of study.

## Limitation Rules

Students must complete all requirements for the degree within 10 terms (fall or spring) and five January terms beginning with their initial enrollment at Randolph-Macon. Work offered in transfer, summer school, or part-time status will be counted with the understanding that five courses of at least three semester hours each constitute one fall or spring term. For nursing majors, see Department of Nursing section of the Catalog for progression requirements.

Students must fulfill the degree requirements in effect at the time of their matriculation at the college. Students who fail to complete all requirements for the degree within six consecutive calendar years lose the privilege of graduating under the requirements in effect when

they entered. Instead, such a student must meet all of the degree requirements in effect on the date the degree is awarded. In the case of transfer students, their six calendar years will include all full-time residence at other colleges. Time spent in military service will be excluded from the six consecutive calendar year rule.

## Graduation with Latin Honors

In order to graduate with Latin Honors, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 on all work taken at Randolph-Macon. The Latin Honors are awarded according to the following scale:

Grade	Latin Honor
4.00	Summa Cum Laude
3.75-3.99	Magna Cum Laude
3.50-3.74	Cum Laude