

CR 2.7.4 – Course Work for Degrees

The institution provides instruction for all coursework required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees. If the institution does not provide instruction for all such course work and (1) makes arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia or (2) uses some other alternative approach to meeting this requirement, the alternative approach must be approved by the Commission on Colleges. In both cases, the institution demonstrates that it controls all aspects of its educational program. (See Commission policy, “Core Requirement 2.7.4: Documenting an Alternative Approach,” available at www.sacscoc.org.)

Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) provides instruction for and offers all coursework at all levels for which a degree may be earned: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science. USC Beaufort offers eleven baccalaureate degrees and two associate degrees. USC Beaufort has no arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia, nor does USC Beaufort use some other alternative approach to meeting this requirement.

USC Beaufort lists the course work for all baccalaureate degrees and associate degrees in the USC Beaufort Bulletin [i], on the programs of study for each academic program, and on its website. All academic departments have developed a four-year block of courses that enable students to work with their advisors to plan and complete their coursework in a timely manner. The minimum period of time for a student to obtain a baccalaureate degree in any of the proposed programs will generally be four years. However, students who have advanced placement coursework or take full summer course loads may complete the degree when they have met the credit hour requirements. Students have up to seven years to complete a degree with the same requirements that are in place when they enter a program. Students are expected to follow the programs of study outlined by their advisors and departments as closely as possible, particularly in the first two years when satisfying basic degree requirements and prerequisites for advanced work.

USC Beaufort has complete online and print versions of the bulletin. Each online edition is archived with links on the website for reference to degree requirements for students who begin under the bulletin that changes while they are completing their degrees. Each academic program has a purpose statement, program goals, and student learning outcomes outlined in the Bulletin. All programs are structured around standard 120–122 credit hour curricula (with the exception of Nursing), and have been modeled after established University of South Carolina degrees (**Table 1**). There are no program equivalencies. There are no alternatives proposed to offering courses in degree programs. A complete listing of the degrees offered at USC Beaufort may be found in the USC Beaufort Bulletin [ii]

Table 1 Degrees Offered at USC Beaufort

DISCIPLINE	Degree	Hours
Associate of Arts	A.A.	60
Associate of Science	A.S.	60
Biology	B.S.	120
Business Administration with a concentration in Management	B.S.	120
Early Childhood Education	B.A.	122
English	B.A.	120
History	B.A.	120
Hospitality Management	B.S.	120
Human Services	B.S.	120
Liberal Studies	B.A.	120
Liberal Studies with a concentration in Security Studies	B.A.	120
Nursing (RN to BSN completion)	B.S.N.	127
Psychology	B.A.	120
Spanish	B.A.	120

Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements: To graduate with a baccalaureate degree from the University of South Carolina Beaufort, all students must complete a program of general study designed to provide them with a well-rounded education. Students receive instruction and practice in effective oral and written communication, cultivate an understanding of the liberal and fine arts, broaden their historical and cultural awareness, and develop a proficiency in one foreign language. Students study the social and natural sciences, acquire technological and information literacy, and build skills in numerical and analytical reasoning. This program of study, to be completed largely during the student's first two years at the university, serves as a foundation for later upper-division work within the student's major. It also ensures that USC Beaufort graduates have the sort of broad, well-rounded education that will enable them to succeed in graduate school or the workplace and more fully understand their place in the world.

USC Beaufort's general education program is committed to assessment and continuous improvement, and it is committed to ensuring that all USC Beaufort baccalaureate level graduates meet the student outcomes required by the general education curriculum. The general education requirements are listed in **(Table 2)** and may be found in the USC Beaufort Bulletin [\[iii\]](#).

Table 2 General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

English	BENG 101 with a grade of C or higher	3
	BENG 101L with a grade of C or higher ¹	0-1
	BENG 102 with a grade of C or higher	3
Numerical & Analytical Reasoning	BMTH 110 or BMTH 111/111L or a higher level mathematics course, plus an additional course in mathematics, logic, statistics, or computer science.	6-7
Speech	BSPC 140 or BSPC 230	3
Liberal Arts	Liberal Arts Electives (humanities & social/behavioral sciences) ²	6
	BHIS 101, 102, 111, 112, 115, or 116	3
	Fine Arts ³	3
	Social/Behavioral Sciences ⁴	3
Natural Sciences	Two Natural Science courses with laboratories ⁵	8
Foreign Language	Requirement may be satisfied by proficiency. Students shall demonstrate in one foreign language the ability to comprehend the topic and main ideas in written and, with the exception of Latin and Ancient Greek, spoken texts on familiar subjects.	0-6
Non-Western Studies	A distribution requirement that may be satisfied by one of the above mentioned courses or by additional coursework. ⁶	0-3
Notes	<p>¹ Students may place out of BENG 101L with an appropriate score on the Freshman English Placement Exam. Students who transfer into USC Beaufort with credit for first-semester freshman composition are exempt from the BENG 101L requirement.</p> <p>² Courses from the following disciplines: BAFR, BANT, BARH, BATS, BECO, BENG, BFRE, BGEO, BGER, BHIS, BJOU, BLIN, BMUS, BPHI, BPSY, BRLG, BSOC, BSPA, BSPC, BTHE.</p> <p>³ Courses from: BARH, BATS, BMUS, or BTHE.</p> <p>⁴ Courses from: BANT, BECO, BGEO, BGST, BLIN, BPOL, BPSY, BSOC and BSST.</p> <p>⁵ Courses from: BAST, BBIO, BCHM, BGEL, BMAR, BSME, and BPHY.</p> <p>⁶ The following courses have been approved for this requirement: BANT 102, BANT 301, BANT 312, BANT 317, BANT 351, BANT 352, BANT 552, BARH 349, BENG 291, BGEO 121, BGST 301, BGST 398, BHIS 109, BHIS 115, BHIS 116, BRLG 203, BSOC 315, and BSPA 380B. Non-equivalent transfer credits may be evaluated for approval on a case by case basis by the</p>	

Program Requirements

USC Beaufort provides instruction for all coursework required for all its degree programs at each level at which it awards degrees. An example of this can be illustrated in the Bachelor of Arts in English degree. All course work for the Bachelor of Arts in English is offered at USC Beaufort and was offering during the 2007 calendar year [iv]. The course descriptions for the English degree may be found in the USC Beaufort Bulletin [v].

"The Bachelor of Arts with a major in English is designed to be flexible enough to provide the student with an adequate background for graduate studies in English or education or preparation for such professions as business, law, medicine, the ministry, advertising, communications, and technical writing. The English faculty recommends that students planning to attend graduate school take the second year of foreign language. It is also advisable that the student take, as electives, as many upper-level English courses as possible.

Students seeking the bachelor's degree in English must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required English courses at the 200 level and above in order for those courses to count toward their major program. English majors are limited to no more than 6 hours of BENG 399 credit. A grade of "C" or better in English 102, or its equivalent, is a prerequisite for all other English courses." For assessment and program improvement an exit survey is required of all graduating seniors.

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts with a major in English is as follows:

CURRICULUM FOR B.A. IN ENGLISH		
I. General Education Requirements		38-49
English	BENG 101 with a grade of C or higher	3
	BENG 101L with a grade of C or higher ¹	0-1
	BENG 102 with a grade of C or higher	3
Numerical & Analytical Reasoning	BMTH 110 or BMTH 111/111L or a higher level mathematics course, plus an additional course in mathematics, logic, statistics, or computer science.	6-7
Speech	BSPC 140 or BSPC 230	3
Liberal Arts	Liberal Arts Electives (humanities & social/behavioral sciences) ²	6
	BHIS 101, 102, 111, 112, 115, or 116	3
	Fine Arts ³	3
	Social/Behavioral Sciences ⁴	3

Natural Sciences	Two Natural Science courses with laboratories ⁵	8
Foreign Language	Requirement may be satisfied by proficiency. Students shall demonstrate in one foreign language the ability to comprehend the topic and main ideas in written and, with the exception of Latin and Ancient Greek, spoken texts on familiar subjects.	0-6
Non-Western Studies	A distribution requirement that may be satisfied by one of the above mentioned courses or by additional coursework. ⁶	0-3
II. Program Requirements		18-21
Foreign Language	Students shall demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by achieving a score of four or better on a USC foreign language test or achieving a passing grade in a 122 course.	0-3
History	An additional selection from BHIS 101, 102, 111, 112, 115, or 116	3
Humanities	Courses selected from African American studies, English, fine arts, foreign languages and literatures, history, philosophy (except BPHI 110 & 111), or religious studies.	6
Philosophy	A course in philosophy excluding 110 & 111	3
Social/Behavioral Science	Courses selected from anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology	6
III. Major Requirements		36
Prerequisites	BENG 287, 288, 289	9
Pre-1800	Two courses in pre-1800 literature at the 300 level or higher	6
Post-1800	Three courses in post-1800 literature at the 300 level or higher	9
Linguistics	BENG 453: Development of the English Language	3
Major Electives	Three additional BENG courses from 380 or above	9
IV. Electives		14-28
TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED		120
Notes	¹ Students may place out of BENG 101L with an appropriate score on	

	<p>the Freshman English Placement Exam. Students who transfer into USCB with credit for first-semester freshman composition are exempt from the BENG 101L requirement.</p> <p>² Courses from the following disciplines: BAFR, BANT, BARH, BATS, BECO, BENG, BFRE, BGEO, BGER, BHIS, BJOU, BLIN, BMUS, BPHI, BPSY, BRLG, BSOC, BSPA, BSPC, BTHE.</p> <p>³ Courses from: BARH, BATS, BMUS, or BTHE. English majors may use 3 hours of their major prerequisites toward this requirement.</p> <p>⁴ Courses from: BANT, BECO, BGEO, BGST, BLIN, BPOL, BPSY, BSOC and BSST.</p> <p>⁵ Courses from: BAST, BBIO, BCHM, BGEL, BMAR, BSME, and BPHY.</p> <p>⁶ The following courses have been approved for this requirement: BANT 102, BANT 301, BANT 312, BANT 317, BANT 351, BANT 352, BANT 552, BARH 349, BENG 291, BGEO 121, BGST 301, BGST 398, BHIS 109, BHIS 115, BHIS 116, BRLG 203, BSOC 315, and BSPA 380B. Non-equivalent transfer credits may be evaluated for approval on a case by case basis by the Director for General Education.</p>
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To graduate with an associate degree from the University of South Carolina Beaufort, all students must complete a program of general study designed to provide them with a well-rounded education. Students receive instruction and practice in effective oral and written communication, cultivate an understanding of the liberal and fine arts, and broaden their historical and cultural awareness. Students study the social and natural sciences, acquire technological and information literacy, and build skills in numerical and analytical reasoning.

This program of study is intended to serve as a foundation for later upper-division studies or to serve students in various careers. It aims to ensure that all graduates of the associate program have the sort of broad, well-rounded education that will enable them to succeed in the university or in the workplace and more fully understand their place in the world and get the most out of life. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and 15 semester hours must be earned within the University of South Carolina system.

All course work for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree and the Associate in Science (AS) degrees are offered at USC Beaufort. The curriculum is listed below but may also be found in the USC Beaufort Bulletin [\[vi\]](#).

Table 3 General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees

USC BEAUFORT ASSOCIATES DEGREES			
I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		A.A.	A.S.
English	BENG 101 with a grade of C or higher	3	3
	BENG 101L with a grade of C or higher ¹	0-1	0-1
	BENG 102 with a grade of C or higher	3	3
Numerical &	BMTH 110 or BMTH 111/111L or a higher level	6-7	9-10

Analytical Reasoning	mathematics course, plus an additional course in mathematics, logic, statistics, or computer science, accounting, or psychological statistics. (Accounting and psychological statistics for A.S. students only).		
Speech	BSPC 140 or BSPC 230	3	3
Liberal Arts	Liberal Arts Electives (humanities & social/behavioral sciences) ²	6	6
	BHIS 101, 102, 111, 112, 115, or 116	3	3
	Fine Arts ³	3	3
	Social/Behavioral Sciences ⁴	3	3
Natural Sciences	Two Natural Science courses with laboratories ⁵	8	8
Non-Western Studies	A distribution requirement that may be satisfied by one of the above mentioned courses or by additional coursework. ⁶	0-3	0-3
II. ELECTIVES		22-17	19-14
TOTAL HOURS		60	60
<i>Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and 15 semester hours must be earned at a University of South Carolina campus.</i>			
Notes	¹ Students may place out of BENG 101L with an appropriate score on the Freshman English Placement Exam. Students who transfer into USC Beaufort with credit for first-semester freshman composition are exempt from the BENG 101L requirement. ² Courses from the following disciplines: BAFR, BANT, BARH, BATS, BECO, BENG, BFRE, BGEO, BGER, BHIS, BJOU, BLIN, BMUS, BPHI, BPSY, BRLG, BSOC, BSPA, BSPC, BTHE. ³ Courses from: BARH, BATS, BMUS, or BTHE. ⁴ Courses from: BANT, BECO, BGEO, BGST, BLIN, BPOL, BPSY, BSOC and BSST. ⁵ Courses from: BAST, BBIO, BCHM, BGEL, BMAR, BSME, and BPHY. ⁶ The following courses have been approved for this requirement: BANT 102, BANT 301, BANT 312, BANT 317, BANT 351, BANT 352, BANT 552, BARH 349, BENG 291, BGEO 121, BGST 301, BGST 398, BHIS 109, BHIS 115, BHIS 116, BRLG 203, BSOC 315, and BSPA 380B. Non-equivalent transfer credits may be evaluated for approval on a case by case basis by the Director of General Education.		

Supporting Documentation

- i [USC Beaufort Bulletin](#)
- ii [Degrees offered USC Beaufort Bulletin](#)
- iii [General Education Requirements USCB Beaufort Bulletin](#)
- iv [USC Beaufort 2007 Course Schedule](#)
- v [English Course Descriptions USC Beaufort Bulletin](#)
- vi [General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees USCB Beaufort Bulletin](#)