Application for Graduation

Candidates for graduation must file their application at least one semester prior to the time requirements are expected to be completed. Deadlines are announced each semester and application forms may be obtained in Charger Central. Early application will assist the student by confirming requirements remaining to be completed. Requirements must be completed and certified prior to the published deadline. Diplomas are issued at the end of each semester or during commencement ceremonies.

Total Degree Requirements

1. Minimum requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree is 120 semester hours. Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees have a minimum of 128 semester hours. The Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and the Bachelor of Science in Optical Engineering require 129 semester hours. The Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering require 128 semester hours. The Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering requires 127 semester hours. A minimum of 25 percent of the total requirements and 12 of the last 18 semester hours must be completed at UAH. Also, unless otherwise specified by the department involved, a minimum of 12 semester hours of upper-level courses numbered 300 or above must be completed at UAH in a student’s program (6 semester hours in the major and 6 semester hours in the minor or cognate studies). A minimum of 30 percent of the total degree requirements must be taken in numbered 300 or above (39 semester hours for a 128 semester hour requirement).

2. The maximum amount of correspondence or credit by examination allowed towards a bachelor's degree is 25 percent of the degree requirements.

3. An overall average of C is required for all courses taken at UAH; and in all courses in the major discipline taken at UAH; and in all courses in the minor discipline taken at UAH or in all courses listed in the cognate studies option taken at UAH.

4. Additional degree requirements for each degree are described in the appropriate sections of this catalog.

Time Limit

The degree requirements for graduation are normally those specified in the catalog in effect when a student first registers as a degree-seeking student at UAH. At any time during the student's enrollment that requirements for graduation are changed, a student may elect to graduate under the new requirements. If the student does not complete requirements for graduation within seven years from the date of entry or seven years from the date of the catalog chosen, the student must then change to the catalog in effect and meet the requirements as specified. If a student breaks enrollment for a period of at least 24 months, the student must then change to the catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment and meet the requirements as specified. The student's advisor and college dean must approve any exceptions to this policy with the proper notation filed in the student's program of study in the Office of Student Records. At any point at which a change in catalog becomes necessary, a new program of study must be completed and proper notation filed in the Office of Student Records.