

Policy to Obtain a Second Bachelor's Degree

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to create a pathway for students to obtain a second bachelor's degree at Goucher College.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to any individual who seeks to obtain a second bachelor's degree at Goucher College.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is intended to facilitate earning a second bachelor's degree without having to fulfill all the Goucher Commons Curriculum (general education requirements) again and instead focusing on the requirements of the new major.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Applicants for a second bachelor's degree need to submit the admission's Second bachelor's degree application: <https://apply.goucher.edu/register/SecondDegree>.
- B. Applicants must have received a degree from an accredited higher education institution.
- C. If applicants have received a bachelor's degree from Goucher College under the same academic curriculum, or from another accredited higher education institution in the last five (5) years, all Goucher Commons Curriculum (General Education Requirements) will be fulfilled.
- D. If the applicants have received a bachelor's degree from Goucher College under another academic curriculum, or from another accredited higher education institution prior to the last five (5) years, the ability to fulfill the Goucher Commons Curriculum will be assessed by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Registrar's Office.
- E. Applicants should submit an official transcript via electronic services (Parchment, Clearinghouse, etc.) as soon as possible. If the degree was obtained from a non-U.S. institution, we require that the transcript be translated by a NACES approved company.
- F. Applicants must fulfill all major requirements with a minimum of 36 *unique* credits (i.e. coursework not used towards previous degree). If the selected major requires Study Abroad and Internship credits, those requirements must be completed while enrolled under the second degree.

- G. Upon admission, applicants will be required to declare a major. Applicants should be aware that Goucher only offers in person courses during the fall and spring semesters and that major courses are offered to fit the schedule of traditional students. That is, some courses will be offered in the spring and some in the fall and second-degree students might only be able to enroll in one-to-three courses per semester.
- H. The application for a second bachelor's degree must be completed no later than one month before the first day of classes in the fall or spring semester of any given academic year. Therefore, the application process should start two months before the first day of classes of the selected entry term (fall or spring) to guarantee that transcripts are submitted on time.
- I. Merit and institutional funding are not offered to second degree seeking applicants. However, students may seek out external scholarships not affiliated with the College and loans provided by the federal government or private lenders.

V. RELATED POLICY

[Non-Degree Seeking Policy](#)

VI. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

For more information or if you have questions about this policy, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-GOUCHER (ext. 6100), admissions@goucher.edu, or 410-337-6354 (fax).

VII. HISTORY

Adopted: June 2025