Undergraduate Degree and Program Requirements

Program Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree

To be eligible for the bachelor's degree, a student must:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester units of baccalaureate level credit. Some majors require more than 120 semester units, particularly those with integrated teaching tracks.
2. Complete a minimum of 49 semester units in general education distributed in the manner outlined in the section titled General Education Program (https://catalog.csusb.edu/general-education-program/).
3. Complete all requirements for a major, including at least 24 semester units of upper-division course work in the major for a BA and 27 units of semester units of upper-division course work in the major for a BS.
4. Complete at least 30 semester units at this university. (Refer to University Residence Requirement for Graduation, below.)
5. Earn a grade point average of 2.0 (“C”) or better in all units used to fulfill the requirements of the major.
6. Earn a grade point average of 2.0 (“C”) or better in all units attempted, and in all units attempted at the university.
7. Complete the upper-division Writing Intensive requirement. (See Upper-Division Writing Requirement (https://catalog.csusb.edu/general-education-program/).)
8. Complete the history, constitution and California government requirement. (See History, Constitution, Government Requirement (https://catalog.csusb.edu/general-education-program/).)
9. Be recommended for graduation by the faculty of the university.
10. Have a graduation requirement check (grad check) on file prior to the end of the term of graduation. (See Graduation Requirement Check (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/academic-regulations/).)

Early Start Program (ESP)

In order to help students improve their chances of graduating on time, the California State University system requires all new California resident freshmen students who have not demonstrated college readiness in mathematics and English to take action towards proving college readiness before their first term of enrollment through participation in the Early Start Program (ESP). The purpose of ESP is to give students an opportunity to make progress towards fulfills their mathematics and English requirements early, so that doing so does not interfere with degree progress. Students may establish their level of readiness in English and mathematics in several ways: through the Early Assessment Program test in the junior year of high school (embedded in the CASPP assessments), through ACT or SAT test scores, through successful grades in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, or through the ELM (Entry Level Mathematics test) and EPT (English Placement Test). Students who are required to participate in Early Start and who fail to do so will not be eligible to enroll for classes. For complete information about Early Start, please visit the Early Start Program website (https://www.csusb.edu/early-start/).

University Residence Requirement for Graduation

A minimum of 30 semester units must be completed at this university. At least 24 of these units must be upper-division, 12 in the major, and 9 in general education. Extension credit, credit by examination or credit by evaluation may not be used to fulfill the minimum residency requirement.

Second Bachelor’s Degree Requirements

A student who holds a bachelor's degree from California State University, San Bernardino or another accredited institution and who applies for a second degree must have satisfactorily completed each of the following in order to receive a second bachelor's degree in a different major:

1. General education requirements as stated in the appropriate catalog;
2. Upper-division Writing Intensive requirement completed with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better;
3. Requirements of the major involved;
4. In addition to whatever work was presented for the first bachelor's degree, a minimum of 30 semester units of residence work of which a. 12 units must be in the second major, b. 9 units must be in general education (international students only), c. 24 units must be at the upper-division level;
5. Maintain a 2.5 grade point average in all work attempted;
6. Approval of the faculty of the university.

It is not necessary to complete a second bachelor's degree in order to graduate with a dual major. Students seeking a second bachelor's degree will be subject to the registration policies in effect for unclassified postbaccalaureates. See Fees (https://catalog.csusb.edu/financial-information/#feestext) for further information about fees for a second major.

Multiple Majors/Concentration

A student will normally meet graduation requirements for a degree in one of the major curricula. A student may be granted a bachelor's degree with two or more concentrations if the complete requirements of all curricula are satisfied at the same time, provided the concentration has a minimum of 9 semester units (12 quarter units) that are unique to the program. Students graduating with multiple concentrations will not be issued separate diplomas. The fact that the requirements of multiple concentrations with the same degree have been completed will be noted on the transcript.