

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

ACCREDITATION

Bryn Mawr College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two semesters lasting 14 weeks long (excluding exam periods and vacations) and one condensed summer semester.

Length of periods: Lecture hour = 50 minutes; Laboratory hour = 60 minutes

Academic Credit & Course Load

One unit is equivalent to four (4) semester hours; a normal course load is 4 units per semester.

Requirements for the A.B. degree: 1982 and later – 32 units or 128 semester hours.

Quaker Consortium

Through the Quaker Consortium courses may be taken for credit at Haverford College, Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania during the academic year. Grades and credits for these courses are included on the student's Bryn Mawr College transcript. The official transcript for all Quaker Consortium courses is maintained by the student's home institution.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits applied toward the degree are listed on the transcript without grades or specific course information. Transfer work must be at least 2.0 to qualify for transfer credit.

Undergraduate Grading System

Merit: Merit grades range from 4.0 (outstanding) to 2.0 (satisfactory). Courses in which a student earns merit grades can be used to satisfy the major and curricular requirements.

4.0 (A), 3.7 (A-), 3.3 (B+), 3.0 (B), 2.7 (B-), 2.3 (C+), 2.0 (C)

Passing (Below Merit): 1.7 (C-), 1.3 (D+), 1.0 (D)

Failure: 0.0 (F)

Course Classification & Numbering

001-199 First year courses, plus intermediate language courses

200-299 Second year courses

300-399 Advanced undergraduate courses

400-499 Special categories: Undergraduate supervised work

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Academic Credit & Course Load

Study in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is defined in terms of academic units. The full-time course load is 3 academic units of work per semester. One graduate unit = 5 semester hours. Graduate Credit may be given for courses at the 200 and 300 level if the instructor certifies that the student did additional work of graduate caliber. Units taken for undergraduate credit are graded numerically.

Requirement for M.A. degree: minimum of 6 units of work and a research paper (thesis).

Requirement for Ph.D. degree: minimum of 12 units of work, successful completion of required field examinations (Preliminary Examinations), a dissertation, and a successful final examination on the dissertation.

Graduate Grading System

S = Satisfactory: Equivalent to grade of B (3.0) or better

U = Unsatisfactory

Course Classification & Numbering

500-699 Graduate seminar courses

700-799 Graduate research work

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

The Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Course of Study:

Master of Social Service (M.S.S.) degree consists of 18 course units including 4 units of field education. The M.S.S. degree is equivalent in every way to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree.

Master of Law and Social Policy (M.L.S.P.) degree consists of 7 course units plus a field based special project. Students must either hold a Master's degree in social work or a related field or be enrolled concurrently in the M.S.S. degree program. [Prior to Fall 2004 the M.L.S.P. consisted of 8 course units including one unit of field education.]

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree consists of a minimum of 12 course units beyond the Master's degree, satisfactory performance on preliminary examinations within the student's field of study, a dissertation, and a successful final examination of the dissertation. [Prior to Fall 2004 a minimum of 14 course units were required.]

Academic Credit

Semester hour equivalent: One Masters unit = 4 semester hours

One Ph.D. unit = 5 semester hours

Continuing Education – One continuing education credit hour is awarded for each hour of instruction. Continuing Education courses are numbered 1000-9999.

Course Classification & Numbering

As of Summer 2013

400-499: M.L.S.P. courses

500-549: M.S.S. Foundation, Concentration & 2yr fieldwork

550-674: M.S.S. Electives

675-699: Ph.D. Courses

Prior to Summer 2013

100-399: M.S.S. courses

400-499: M.L.S.P. courses

500-799: Ph.D. courses

Graduate Grading System

S = Satisfactory: Equivalent to grade of B (3.0) or better

S- = Marginally Satisfactory: Passing grade, equivalent to a grade of B- (2.7)

U = Unsatisfactory

CONSORTIAL SCHOOL CODES & OTHER GRADING SYMBOLS

CONSORTIAL SCHOOL CODES (IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE CATALOG NUMBER)

A Institut d'Etudes Francaises d'Avignon

B Bryn Mawr College course

D Drexel University course

DE University of Delaware

E ACTR/ACCELS E. Europe Programs

F Italian Studies Institute in Florence

H Haverford College course

I Summer Study in Pisa

M Centro de Estudios Hispanicos en Madrid

N Hahnemann University course

P University of Pennsylvania course

PR Princeton University course

R ACTR/ACCELS programs

S Swarthmore College course

T Temple University course

V Villanova University course

OTHER GRADING SYMBOLS (NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES)

AUD = Audit

CE = Continuing Enrollment

CIP = Course in Progress; final grade not assigned

CP = Completed

CR = Credit (1.0 and above)

I = Incomplete

INC = Permanent Incomplete

NC = No Credit

P = Pass

NGR = No Grade Reported

T = Transfer

UI = Unauthorized Incomplete

WD = Withdrawn

WV = Course Waived

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