

FAQ's Regarding the Reduction to 120 Credits for Baccalaureate Degrees

Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, the total credits required for a baccalaureate degree will be reduced from 124 credits to 120 credits. This change will be implemented on July 1, 2021.

What does this mean for current students?

- If you plan to graduate before July 1, 2021: If you are on track to complete all your courses and degree requirements before July 1, 2021, then this change will not impact you. You will still graduate on your planned timeline by completing all of your current planned credits. Please consult with your academic advisor or with the Records Office (records@warnerpacific.edu) if you have any questions.
- If you plan to graduate on or after July 1, 2021: The baccalaureate credit requirement will be reduced to 120 credits for your degree. This new credit requirement will be reflected in your "My Progress" evaluation after July 1, 2021. The four credit reduction will be taken from remaining free elective credits. Please note that all courses required in your current academic program (including major and general education core) must still be met.

What do students need to do?

The changes will be implemented campus-wide on July 1, 2021, so the change will be applied for all students automatically. After July 1, it is recommended that each student visits the "My Progress" page in MyWP to review their updated academic audit.

Why is WPU lowering its baccalaureate graduation requirement to 120 credits?

This change will put Warner Pacific University on par with the standard baccalaureate graduation requirement at many other institutions, including the Oregon state university system.

Under the 120 credit requirement, students should take an average of 15 credits per semester in order to complete their degree in four years (eight semesters).