

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Degrees are awarded three times a year: January, May and September.

Commencement exercises are held in the spring. Students may participate in the ceremony provided that:

1. they have completed all requirements for their degree or are within 6–8 credits (two courses) of their degree;
2. if they have credits to complete, they are enrolled in summer school; and
3. they have a minimum 2.0 quality point average.

Although faculty advisers assist each student in the selection of courses, the responsibility for fulfilling the requirements of the program and all Quinnipiac University program and departmental academic requirements of study rests with the individual student.

For the Bachelor's Degree

1. The satisfactory completion of at least 120 credits, of which the final 45 must be taken at Quinnipiac University. (Certain majors require the completion of more than 120 credits; see specific program requirements.)
2. Completion of the University Curriculum common to all bachelor's degree programs.
3. The satisfactory completion of the specific course standards and requirements of a student's chosen major (see curriculum descriptions).
4. A grade point average of at least 2.0, with at least that average maintained during the final 60 credits of study, and any other GPA requirements imposed by the school, department or program.
5. School of Business students must complete a minimum of 50 percent of the business courses required for the degree at Quinnipiac (exclusive of 6 credits of economics).
6. Up to 6 credits of workshop courses and/or fitness, leisure and wellness courses may be applied toward the degree requirement.

Majors

A student's major must be approved in advance by the department chair or program director (if applicable), and the student must follow the prescribed course of study leading to the completion of this major. At least one-half of the courses in a major must be taken at Quinnipiac University.

Dual Majors

A student may request to major in two areas of study in the same school or college. He or she must fulfill all department requirements in both areas and complete all school requirements in the school granting the degree. The student receives one diploma.

Dual Degrees

A student may earn two undergraduate degrees in two separate schools provided that:

1. all requirements for each degree are completed successfully, and concurrently

2. all pertinent requirements of Quinnipiac and of the departments and schools involved are completed successfully, and
3. both degrees are conferred concurrently.

Second Degree

A second bachelor's degree may be earned, provided a minimum of 45 additional credits in residence have been earned, and all requirements have been satisfied.

Posthumous and In Memoriam Degrees

The conferral of Posthumous and In Memoriam Degrees provides a means by which Quinnipiac can honor students whose education at Quinnipiac was tragically halted due to an untimely death, while at the same time upholding the requirements of integrity in the award of academic degrees.

Posthumous Degrees can be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who was in academic good standing when he/she passed away during the last semester of his/her degree program at Quinnipiac. If the deceased student had completed sufficient work in order to be awarded course grades for his/her final semester, the student will be issued either the grade for which he/she was eligible at the time of his/her death or a passing grade. Grade determinations are made following discussion with the faculty member teaching the course in question and are approved by the school dean. If the deceased student had not completed sufficient course work in order to be issued a passing grade, course substitutions permitting the completion of the degree will be approved and implemented via the variant procedure process. Posthumous degrees are regular degrees included in the official count of degrees and thus are awarded with an official diploma. Hence any Latin Honors for which the deceased student was eligible will be conferred.

In Memoriam Degrees can be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student whose death occurred prior to the student's last semester in his/her degree program. The In Memoriam Degree honors a deceased student's progress towards a degree, but is not included in the official count of degrees. To be eligible for the In Memoriam Degree, at the time his/her studies at Quinnipiac were halted due to an illness or accident leading to death, a deceased student must have been: 1) enrolled in classes in the current term or the most recent fall/spring term; and 2) in good academic standing. For any courses the student was enrolled in at the time of their death, he/she will be issued either the grades he/she earned if sufficient course work had been completed, or grades of W. The In Memoriam Degree is awarded with a distinct document that affirms the student's good academic standing and progress toward a degree. Latin Honors are not applicable.