

**Office of the Registrar
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2020**

J-1. Credit Requirements

J-1-a

Students must have earned a minimum of 120 credits to be granted a baccalaureate degree from the University of Idaho. Some programs require a higher minimum. For the minimum number of credits required in each degree program, see the major curricula of the various degree-granting units in the individual departmental section.

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A minimum of ~~40~~ [36](#) credits in upper-division courses (numbered 300 or above) is required for a baccalaureate degree.

Rationale: The minimum upper division credit requirement was changed from 36 credits to 40 credits beginning in the 2017-2018 catalog year. This was in response to removing the limit on community college credit transfers, which was previously limited to 70 credits. This change has created a burden for certain departments, in particular those with programs that offer degrees in Coeur d'Alene where their foundational courses are completed at North Idaho College before completing the University of Idaho curriculum.

Idaho and Peer Institution Upper-Division Credit Requirements

UI currently requires **40** upper-division credits to graduate with a Bachelor's degree

State Institution	UPDV Credit Requirement
Boise State University	40
Idaho State University	36
Lewis and Clark State College	36
Peer Institution	
Arkansas State University	45
Clemson University	No requirement listed
Colorado State University	42
Kansas State University	45
Montana State University	42
New Mexico State University	48
North Dakota State University	36
Oregon State University	60 quarter credits (40 semester credits)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Varies by degree
University of Wyoming	42
Utah State University	40
Washington State University	40