

# Undergraduate Academic Residency Requirements

## Cornerstone Course Requirement

All associate and bachelor's degree-seeking students are required to take the Cornerstone course at Charter Oak State College. Students must take this three-credit foundational course during their first term as a matriculated student at Charter Oak State College. If a student has not taken English Composition 1, then it will be required in the first term and the Cornerstone Seminar in the subsequent one. If a student has taken English Composition 1, but not English Composition 2, the student must successfully complete IDS 101 in the first term before taking English Composition 2.

Students must complete the Cornerstone Seminar with a grade of C or higher. Failure to achieve a grade of C puts the student automatically on academic hold.

If an undergraduate student fails (C- or below) or withdraws from (W or AW) the Cornerstone course, the student must retake the course during the next term. If the student fails (C- or below) or withdraws from (W or AW) the course a second time, the student will be dismissed from the College and the academic dismissal policy applies. If the student is permitted to return to Charter Oak State College, the student will need to retake the Cornerstone course during their first term.

## Capstone Course Requirement

Undergraduate students preparing to graduate with a bachelor's degree must complete a concentration or major capstone course at Charter Oak State College with a grade of "C" or higher. The purpose of this experience is to demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes in the chosen concentration or major and writing and critical thinking skills. This requirement may **not** be met with a course transferred from another institution.

Each single subject area concentration and major includes this three-credit course requirement. The capstone is required and is to be taken in the student's final semester. The student can have no more than 6 credits remaining in their major or concentration to complete in their degree program prior to enrolling in this course. The student's academic counselor must approve the student's request to enroll in the capstone course.

Undergraduate students who are pursuing the interdisciplinary Individualized or Liberal Studies concentrations will take a sequence of a one-credit and a two-credit course for their capstone. These three credits will be part of the requirement for the concentration. The first part is a one (1) credit, five (5) week, pass/fail course in which the capstone project is planned. The project will be carried out in the subsequent ten (10) week course that yields two (2) credits. The two-credit course results in a letter grade. The two-credit course must be completed in the term immediately following completion of the one-credit course. A grade of P must be earned in the one-credit course in order to begin the two-credit course.

If an undergraduate student fails (C- or below) or withdraws from (W or AW) the Capstone course, the student can retake the course during the next term. If the student fails (C- or below) or withdraws from (W or AW) the course a second time, the student will be dismissed from the College and the academic dismissal policy applies.

*Note: Visiting and Non-Matriculated students are not eligible to enroll in the Cornerstone or Capstone course.*