

Catalog Update Document 2016-2017

The Catalog Update Document contains critical updates made to the Academic Catalog during the course of the academic year.

[The following is a replacement of the first two paragraphs under “The Minor” on p. 17.]

The Minor

Completion of a minor is not a university graduation requirement for each and every undergraduate student at Gardner-Webb; however, many majors do require the completion of a minor. Some major programs stipulate that a student pursuing that major must complete one or more specific minor(s); others require completion of a minor but allow the student to choose their own minor. Unless in a program that specifies a particular minor, a student may pursue any of the officially designated minor(s) listed in the University catalog under the various schools/departments/programs, which govern curricular requirements for their minors. A minimum of nine hours of any minor must be taken from Gardner-Webb University, and requirements for each of those minors are given in the catalog.

Alternatively, a student may choose to complete an interdisciplinary minor. An interdisciplinary minor consists of eighteen hours with nine to twelve hours in one discipline. The remaining hours must come from between one and three other schools/departments/programs. The minor must be approved by the student’s advisor and the department in which the most hours in the minor are housed (if more than one department is tied for the most hours, approval of any one of these departments will be sufficient). The student must complete the Interdisciplinary Minor Declaration & Approval form and submit it to the Registrar’s office. Programs that require a minor may determine whether to accept an interdisciplinary minor to satisfy the requirement. Credit hours that are used by a student to fulfill the requirements of the university core curriculum cannot be used by that same student to fulfill the requirements of the interdisciplinary minor. Any deviation from catalog course requirements of a minor must be approved in advance by the chair or dean of the minor department or school and filed with the Degree Evaluator.

[The following is a replacement for the first paragraph under “Admission Procedures” at the bottom of page 37.]

Gardner-Webb University operates on a rolling admissions plan. Completed applications are acted upon and notification is made to the student within three weeks. Gardner-Webb University maintains that minimums of 2.5 GPA, 18 ACT, and/or an 870 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) if taken before March 1, 2016 or 950 SAT (Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math) if taken on or after March 1, 2016, and a rank in the top 50% of the high school graduating class are baselines for academic success. In addition to quantitative requirements for admission, Gardner-Webb University accepts students with strong character, leadership ability and the desire to be a positive influence in the campus community. No single criterion will be decisive,

but each item will be considered carefully as admissions decisions are made. In the case of transfer students, previous college work will serve as the criteria for acceptance.

[The following is a replacement for the Attendance Policy section on page 159.]

Regular class attendance is an important student obligation. Students are responsible for all coursework conducted in class meetings and are required by University policy to attend a minimum of 75% of the scheduled class meetings. Failure to meet this attendance requirement will result in a grade of @F in the course. In face-to-face classes, attendance is counted from the first scheduled meeting. In online classes, attendance is counted from the student's completion of the Enrollment Verification Activity or first required course activity or assessment, whichever comes first. Furthermore, it is the prerogative of the instructor to set a more stringent class attendance policy. The instructor will clearly state in the syllabus the attendance policies which will govern the class. Students are responsible for knowing the number of absences that they accumulate.

In online classes, attendance satisfying the 75% requirement is measured by the documented weekly participation in the class on the part of the student, e.g., a minimum of one activity per week that demonstrates attendance such as submitting an assignment, attending a webinar, or participating in a discussion board (logging into a course in Blackboard does not constitute participation or attendance in the class). As in face-to-face classes, the instructor in an online class may stipulate a more stringent attendance policy in the syllabus.