

Why do I need electives?

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To confer a bachelor's degree, students must complete **at least** 120 credits. These credits are split between general education credits, major credits, and elective credits. Depending on your program, the number of elective credits will vary based on how many major credits you must complete. These credits ensure that your degree is meeting all of our accreditation standards.

You may choose any undergraduate course (100-499 level) to take as an elective as long as you have not already taken the course, transferred similar credits to CSU Global, and it is not considered a Capstone class. You can see a list of courses offered in the [academic catalog](#). If you are unsure if you have received credit for a particular course, you can check with your Student Success Counselor.

Undergraduate students who have more than 15 elective credits required may add a [specialization](#). Each specialization satisfies 15-16 elective credits. You can view the undergraduate specializations we offer [here](#)*. If you would like to have a specialization(s) officially added to your degree plan, please contact your Success Counselor or use the "Add/Remove Specializations" link in your student portal.

The majority of graduate programs do not have elective requirements but instead require a [Graduate Specialization](#). You can view the graduate specialization we offer [here](#)*.

*Please note that not all specializations are available for every degree program. Visit the program page for the [Master's degree](#) or [Bachelor's degree](#) you're interested in to find out which specializations are available.
