

What is a Microcredential?

A microcredential is comprised of a coherent set of courses within a single discipline or related disciplines that formally acknowledge specific skills/competencies. Each microcredential is coordinated by a designated faculty steward; faculty stewards will provide advising assistance to all students seeking microcredentials in their program.

Microcredentials are composed of courses that total between 6 and 19 credits and can include both lower-level (numbered in the 100 and 200 range) and upper-level (300 and 400 range) courses. Completed courses will appear on student transcripts. Completion of a microcredential will result in a certificate of completion awarded by the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education (formerly Continuing Education).

Why should I earn a microcredential?

Microcredentials signal to employers knowledge and skill acquired during a specific set of coursework and can help strengthen applications to internships or jobs. As microcredentials can be earned prior to graduation, some students can leverage these accomplishments for summer experiences before they graduate. Microcredentials can serve as an introduction or entry point to a degree program, or be issued as a stand-alone credential to complement a degree program or prior work experience.

How will a microcredential fit into my studies?

For matriculated undergraduate degree-seeking students,

- courses used to satisfy requirements for the microcredential may also be used to satisfy Integrative Studies Program (ISP) requirements when such courses meet the established criteria for ISP;
- credits earned in courses used to satisfy multiple requirements will count once toward the total number of credits required for graduation;
- credits for courses required for the microcredential may also be used to complete requirements for a minor or major; and
- microcredentials are meant to complement existing minors and majors.

For non-degree seeking students,

- minimum qualification for enrollment is a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- Graduate Studies and Extended Education (formerly Continuing Education) will work in consultation with the appropriate faculty stewards for the microcredential to provide advising.