

FOUR YEAR GRADUATION GUARANTEE

A degree from the University of Providence is affordable and has long lasting value. Nevertheless, it is a significant investment of time, energy, and financial resources. We acknowledge that some students and/or their families are dedicated to the 4-year path to graduation. The University is committed to providing this opportunity for undergraduate students in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

What does our commitment to the 4-year path to graduation mean? Our commitment means that if students select a major in the first semester of their freshman year, take classes as prescribed in their 4-year program plan, and makes satisfactory academic progress, they can graduate in 4 years or receive a full tuition waiver to complete necessary course work.

To participate in the program students must:

1. Select a major and sign a Four-Year Graduation Guarantee Agreement before the end of their first semester as a freshman.

Note: It is imperative that the student meet with their faculty advisor prior to the last day to add a course in their first semester as a freshmen to initiate this agreement and its requirements, and adjust the first semester courses if needed.

2. Take classes as prescribed in the four year curriculum plan.
3. Meet all satisfactory academic progress requirements in the major and core curriculum.
4. Remain in good academic, financial aid, and disciplinary standing.
5. Remain on the initial academic catalog, corresponding with the first semester of attendance unless the University requires the student to move forward to a more recent catalog. (This is possible for programs with any outside accreditation or licensure requirements).

Note: Education majors are on a five year graduation guarantee program.

Note: Some majors allow entry into the program in the second semester of the freshman year. Exceptions may be granted by the applicable Department Chair or Division Chair.

Students become ineligible for the guarantee if they:

1. Transfer to the University after previous attendance at any other college or university, regardless of credits earned or semesters completed (exceptions may be granted by the applicable Department Chair or Division Chair).
2. Choose to complete a second major or minor (exceptions may be granted by the applicable Department Chair or Division Chair).
3. Change majors (exceptions may be granted by the applicable Department Chair or Division Chair).
4. Do not complete classes as scheduled in the four-year curriculum plan.
5. Fail a course.
6. Do not meet all satisfactory academic progress requirements.
7. Move to a new academic catalog without advisor and the applicable Department Chair or Division Chair approval.

To support students in their quest for a four year graduation, the University of Providence will:

1. Provide a four year curriculum plan.
2. Offer courses as per the four year curriculum plan.
3. Give class registration priority to students who are in good standing in the Four Year Graduation Program.
4. Provide a Faculty Advisor and an Academic Success Counselor who works directly with the student.
5. Work with students who are not formally in the guarantee program to assist speedy graduation.