

## GRADUATION HONORS

Graduate students graduating with a 4.000 grade point average will be granted “high honors.” Graduate students graduating with a grade point average of 3.800-3.999 will be granted “honors.” An appropriate notation of honors will be posted to the student’s transcript.

Baccalaureate graduates who earn a grade point average of 3.85-4.0, 3.70-3.84, or 3.50-3.69 are honored at graduation with honor cords designating Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude respectively.

Associate graduates who earn a grade point average of 3.85-4.0, 3.70-3.84, or 3.50-3.69 are awarded honor cords at the time of graduation designating Highest Honors, High Honors, or Honors respectively.

## PRESIDENT’S AND DEAN’S CITATIONS

Graduates with the highest GPA will receive the President’s Citation, with the next highest GPA receiving the Dean’s citation. If there are multiple students sharing the same GPA, an award will be presented to each student. School of Professional Education and School of Liberal Arts and Sciences citation recipients are figured independently. Each school will present at least one President’s and one Dean’s Citation award each year.

## ALPHA KAPPA SIGMA (SAS ONLY)

Membership in Alpha Kappa Sigma, honor society of the Association of Colleges of the Free Methodist Church, is elected by the faculty and may not include more than 10% of the graduating class. This honor is awarded upon the basis of excellence in scholarship, character, service, and leadership. Election to membership represents one of the highest honors awarded by any Free Methodist College.

## ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA (SPE ONLY)

Membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda, honor society for adult students, is elected by the Alpha Sigma Lambda officers each year after receiving nominations from faculty, graduating students, and staff. Eligible students are selected from the highest twenty percent of the graduating class, must have completed a minimum of twenty-four graded credits, and must meet GPA requirements to be nominated.

## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Various departmental awards are given each year based upon exceptional accomplishments shown within a certain area of study. These awards are presented annually at specific events either through the year or during commencement weekend.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All degree seeking candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit *Intent to Graduate* form to the Registrar’s Office.
2. Receive the approval of the faculty and Board of Trustees.
3. Meet all *Degree Requirements*.
4. Meet all *Residency Requirements*.
5. Complete all *Assessment Requirements*.
6. Conduct an exit interview with the Financial Aid Office.
7. Have met all other internal obligations.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Registrar’s office maintains an audit for each student based on his or her year of entry into the College, as outlined in the corresponding Catalog. A student must meet those requirements in order to be considered for graduation. Students may choose to meet the requirements related to a subsequent Catalog, provided all requirements are met.

## MASTER

The following requirements apply to all Master level programs.

1. At least 36 semester credit hours
2. Minimum GPA of 3.00, with no more than two final course grades of C minus, and no final course grades below a C minus
3. Approval of the faculty
4. Completion of required assessment protocols

The accrual of 36 or more credit hours, without meeting the specific requirements or standards associated with a degree, does not entitle any student to a degree.

## BACHELOR

The following requirements apply to all Bachelor level programs associated with the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

1. At least 120 semester credits
2. The 120 credits must include at least 30 upper division credits.
3. At least 30 of the last 60 credits must be from Central Christian College of Kansas.
4. Minimum GPA of 2.00
5. Approval of the faculty
6. Completion of required assessment protocols

The accrual of 120 or more credit hours, without meeting the specific requirements or standards associated with a degree, does not entitle any student to a degree.

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

The curriculum for the Associate of Arts degree is a 60 credit hour program. Students who complete the Associate of Arts degree will find an easy transition into a four-year program, since the completion of the Associate of Arts fulfills the General Education requirements associated with

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2. At least 15 of the last 30 credits must be from Central Christian College of Kansas.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.00
4. Approval of the faculty
5. Completion of required assessment protocols

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### Concentrations

Students may choose to focus their studies by choosing a concentration. Concentrations share requirements with minors and liberal studies tracks and may be found in the *Minors* section of the Catalog.

## ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

The curriculum for the Associate of General Studies degree is a 60 credit hour program with a liberal studies approach. Greater flexibility allows the student to use more credits for further study in his or her area of concentration.

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2. At least 15 of the last 30 credits must be from Central Christian College of Kansas
3. Minimum GPA of 2.00
4. Approval of the faculty
5. Completion of required assessment protocols

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## ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to meet the requirements for graduation, students must complete those assessments as outlined by the Academic Office. This may include the completion of an exit survey, Major Field Test, or General Education Assessment.

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Central Christian College of Kansas currently hosts an annual spring graduation program. Students who desire to

participate in the graduation ceremony must complete all requirements as outlined in this Catalog. Students must be in good standing with the College to be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Once a student has completed the *Intent to Graduate* form and has had his or her name included in the commencement program, the student is only eligible to participate in that particular commencement ceremony. Unless completing an additional degree, no student may participate in an additional graduation ceremony or have his or her name appear in an additional commencement program, other than the one associated with their *Intent to Graduate* form. This standard is applied regardless of the actual participation of the student.

Eligibility to participate in the commencement ceremony is determined four months prior to the ceremony. A student must be on track to complete all degree requirements by the commencement date. Online students whose final course ends within 30 days after the commencement ceremony are also eligible.

Students who do not meet criteria to participate in the ceremony may appeal to the Faculty Senate for permission to participate. The student must speak with their advisor about their desire to participate. The advisor will notify the Registrar's Office of this request and initiate the appeal process. The Faculty Senate will approve or deny the request based on the information provided in the formal appeal.

## IVY CUTTING RECEPTION SPEAKER (SAS)

Each year, the College designates two graduates to serve as speakers during ivy cutting reception. When choosing the speakers, the two highest GPAs will be used. In case of a tie, the following conditions can be used to refine the process until two candidates can be named:

1. Number of credits completed
2. Exclusion of transfer credits
3. Exclusion of repeated courses
4. Exclusion of AP/CLEP/Placement test credits
5. GPA related to upper level or major related credits
6. Breadth of education portfolio

## DIPLOMAS

Diplomas are mailed to students approximately 3-4 weeks following degree completion and after all obligations with the College have been fulfilled. The Registrar's office will forward the diploma to the address provided on the *Intent to Graduate* form.