

# PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES (BS)

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## Other curricular requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits at the 300- or 400-level.

## Introduction

The Professional and Technical Studies (PTS) completion degree is designed for graduates with an Associate's degree from accredited community or technical colleges to transfer into Canisius with a total of 60 credit hours. Canisius will also accept applicants who have not completed a two-year degree. The number of transfer credits accepted will be determined on a case-to-case basis. All students will be required to fulfill the minimum of 120 credits needed to earn a bachelor's degree. The completion of the Canisius core curriculum will be required within those credit hours. The Canisius core curriculum is an interdisciplinary study of science, social science, and humanities that best represents the goals and values of a Jesuit education. The balance of the core curriculum will be free elective courses, which a student may use in multiple ways to their advantage. While completing the minimum of 120 credit hours within the core curriculum and free electives, at least 36 credit hours must be completed at the 300 – 400 course level.

## Qualifications

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their major and a 2.0 overall average to fulfill requirements for graduation.

## Advisement

All students will have access to full advisement services. Students should work closely with their advisor, or associate dean, to discuss career expectations and identify appropriate course electives to develop their academic program.

## Curriculum

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All undergraduate students must complete either the Canisius Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/core-curriculum/>) or the All-College Honors Curriculum (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/all-college-honors-program/>). Many schools refer to their college-wide undergraduate requirements as "general education" requirements. We believe that the core curriculum and the honors curriculum are more than a series of required classes; they provide the basis for a Jesuit education both with content and with required knowledge and skills attributes that are central to our mission.

### Free Electives

Students may graduate with a bachelor's degree with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Canisius Core Curriculum or All-College Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum number of credits required for graduation. The number of credits required to complete a bachelor's degree may vary depending on the student's major(s) and minor(s).

### Major Requirements

The requirements for this program are specific to a student's background, prior education, and coursework. For most students in this program, these requirements are met by coursework in the program that they completed at another institution.