BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

College for Women
All baccalaureate programs in the College for Women are dedicated to providing women with a challenging and rewarding education. The College for Women welcomes traditional-age women directly out of high school or women students transferring from other two- and four-year liberal arts institutions. Men may earn college credit for coursework in the College for Women; in addition, they may receive bachelor’s degrees from the College for Adults (see below).

The liberal arts core curriculum at St. Catherine University is anchored by two required multidisciplinary and writing-intensive courses. The Reflective Woman, intended as a gateway common experience to critical inquiry for all entering students, is normally completed in a student’s first term at the University. Separate sections are offered for first-time and transfer students; however, all sections follow a common curriculum, using the same assignments and readings. Global Search for Justice, the capstone senior level course, challenges students to apply the lessons of college education to issues of justice throughout the world. Together, these two courses embody the special character that makes a St. Catherine's education unique.

Along with the liberal arts courses every student takes to satisfy degree requirements, liberal arts and science majors are available in a variety of areas, allowing an in-depth study of the significant contributions of liberal arts and sciences to human understanding. Majors or minors in a variety of disciplines within the arts, humanities, social, and physical sciences offer knowledge and skills essential for leading and influencing in a complex world. In addition to traditional liberal arts disciplines, several interdisciplinary majors and minors offer students ways to explore issues through multiple perspectives and develop their abilities to synthesize knowledge. Liberal arts majors and minors provide essential skills for today’s work places, for life-long fulfillment, and as valuable foundations for graduate study and professional careers.

The College for Adults
The College for Adults offers selected bachelor’s degree programs tailored to the unique learning styles of adults. These majors are offered in technology-enhanced formats that balance adult learners’ desire for flexibility with the intellectual rigor and faculty expertise that is the distinctive hallmark of the University’s baccalaureate programs. All adult students seeking their first baccalaureate degree must satisfy the University’s liberal arts and sciences core requirements, including The Reflective Woman and Global Search for Justice.

College for Adults programs are designed for adult learners who want to make the most of their previous college and work experience so they can move smoothly toward a timely and affordable completion of their bachelor’s degree. These majors align with the University’s associate degree programs, as well as many majors offered by community and technical colleges. Credit for prior work and learning experience is also available.

The University’s RN-BSN Degree Completion option is offered by the College for Adults, along with selected majors in the liberal arts and sciences, business, health care, and social work.

At St. Catherine University, our adult programs offer students the opportunity to build on their previous experience with courses that will expand their capacity for leadership, critical and creative inquiry, communication, and collaboration. This learning will improve students’ awareness of diversity, global perspectives, ethics and social justice, spirituality, and offers a holistic approach to clinical care. It also adds depth and breadth to our understanding of the role of women in society, and the transformative power of an education that purposefully focuses on women’s ways of knowing, being and acting. St. Catherine University’s adult bachelor’s degree programs are intended for the adult working woman seeking completion of a degree for career advancement, or personal enrichment, and are open to men who choose to pursue their education in a learning environment that takes women and women's education seriously.