Degrees and Requirements

Regular Degrees

All degrees are conferred by the University upon the recommendation of the faculty and with the approval of the Trustees. The degrees bear the signature of the Chair of the Board, the Secretary of the Board, the President of the University, and the Provost.

Honorary Degrees

The conferral of an honorary degree by the University is for the purpose of recognizing and honoring outstanding achievements by individuals in the areas of the Arts, Sciences, Education, Humanitarianism, Community Service, Government, or Commerce. As a distinguished institution dedicated to the education and advancement of women, the selection process should give special consideration to the achievements of women, especially Converse graduates.

While it is recognized that the awarding of an honorary degree may sometimes be advantageous to the University, and that these factors may play a part in the selection process, it is to be understood that honorary degrees are not to be awarded primarily on these grounds. It is expected that the degree recipients will have demonstrated individual achievements sufficient to merit such an award independently of any other "advantages" to the University.

Second Baccalaureate Degree

Converse does not grant to an individual two baccalaureate degrees of the same kind, e.g., two B.A. or two B.Mus. degrees.

Students who wish to add another major program to a degree already completed may do so, but this accomplishment is recognized only by notation on the permanent record card, not by issuance of a second diploma.

A person who wishes to take at Converse a baccalaureate degree of the same kind as one previously completed at another University is eligible under the same conditions as those that apply to students working for a second Converse baccalaureate degree.

A student can earn a second baccalaureate degree in Arts & Sciences by satisfying the following requirements:

- The major requirements for the second degree;
- The residence requirement of a minimum of 42 hours at Converse; and
- The grade point average required for graduation.

Any issue concerning the acceptability of previously earned credits, such as their appropriateness to the second degree or the length of time since their completion, should be referred to the Registrar.