

Terminology & Types of Degrees

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DEFINITIONS

The following definitions describe terminology that is unique to BYU-Idaho.

Specialized Major: 70 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes. No minor required.

Core: Minimum of 42 hours common to two or more Emphases.

Emphasis: Maximum of 28 hours unique to a particular career pathway.

Integrated Major: 36-45 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes.

Also requires a minor or two clusters.

Core: Minimum of 27 hours common to two or more Emphases.

Emphasis: Maximum of 18 hours unique to a particular career pathway.

Minor: 18-25 hours, as defined by department.

Cluster: 12-15 hours. Courses selected by student and advisor, approved by department chair primary to the cluster.

The following definitions describe the options available to students in Education.

Education Specialized Major: 70 hours. No minor required.

Education Composite Major: 45 hours plus education core. No minor required.

Education Major: 30 hours plus education core. Requires an Education minor.

Education Minor: 20 hours. Requires an Education major in a selected field of study.

Endorsement: 6-20 hours, defined and granted by the State of Idaho.

TYPES OF DEGREES AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science (AAS): 60-70 hours including Basic Education & University Requirements (will not transfer to other schools)

Associate of Art (AA): 60 hours including AA General Education & University Requirements

Associate of Science (AS): 60 hours including AS General Education & University Requirements

Associate in Nursing (ASN): 78 hours including AS General Education & University Requirements

Bachelor of Art (BA): 120 hours including major, minor or clusters, BA General Education, & University Requirements

Bachelor of Science (BS): 120 hours including major, minor or clusters, BS General Education, & University Requirements

Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA): 120 hours including major, BA or BS General Education, & University Requirements

Bachelor of Musical Arts (BMA): 120 hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, General Education, & University Requirements

Bachelor of Music in Music Education (BM): 120 hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, General Education, & University Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to specific degree requirements, students must also meet the graduation requirements listed below:

Residence Credit: Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Brigham Young University-Idaho's campus. The student's final 15 credits of coursework, prior to receiving a degree, must be completed in residence. Individual departments may require transfer students to complete additional hours in residence to fill major requirements.

Upper Division Credit: 30 credit hours of 300 or 400 level classes are required.

Grade Point Average Requirement: All graduates must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

Minor Requirement: At least 6 credits must be taken in residence.

Cluster Requirement: At least 1 course must be taken in residence.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Students desiring to graduate must officially apply. Application forms may be obtained at the Student Records and Registration Office or it is possible to apply for graduation online at www.byui.edu/graduation. A one-time, non-refundable \$8 graduation fee will be assessed.

For specific deadlines, refer to the Calendar of Events found in this catalog. Students who apply after the deadline will be candidates for the next commencement program. The Student Records and Registration Office will notify students and their advisors in writing of deficiencies. For those who do not graduate on the date shown on the application, the evaluation will be held for future graduation.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

Commencement and convocation exercises are held in April, July and December. Students who do not attend convocation must claim a diploma cover from the Student Records and Registration Office before leaving campus. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates only after all requirements have been completed, usually 6-8 weeks after grades are posted.

GRADUATION HONORS

Cum Laude: Students ranked in the top 10% of their graduating class.

Magna Cum Laude: Students ranked in the top 5% of their class.

Summa Cum Laude: Students ranked in the top 1% of their class.

All honors are based on the cumulative GPA completed at the end of the semester prior to the graduation ceremony. No adjustments will be made for grades posted following the graduation ceremony. To be eligible your application must be in before the application deadline.

FINANCIAL HOLDS

Candidates who have outstanding debts to any department or office will not receive their diplomas or official transcripts until all amounts are paid.