

## Terminology & Types of Degrees / Graduation

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### DEFINITIONS

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

**Specialized Major:** 80 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes. No minor required.

**Core:** Minimum of 48 hours common to two or more Emphases.

**Emphasis:** Maximum of 32 hours unique to a particular career pathway.

**Integrated Major:** 40-55 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes.

Also requires a minor or two clusters.

**Core:** Minimum of 33 hours common to two or more Emphases.

**Emphasis:** Maximum of 22 hours unique to a particular career pathway.

**Minor:** 20-25 hours, as defined by department.

**Cluster:** 12-15 hours. Students select from pre-approved clusters or create a customized cluster in with the assistance of the Career and Academic Advising office..

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

**Education Specialized Major:** 80 hours. No minor required.

**Education Composite Major:** 55 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 Foundations

**Associate of Science (AS):** 60 hours including Foundations

**Associate in Nursing (ASN):** 78 hours including Foundations

**Bachelor of Art (BA):**120 hours including major, minor or clusters, and Foundations

**Bachelor of Science (BS):**120 hours including major, minor or clusters, and Foundations

**Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA):**120 hours including major, and Foundations

**Bachelor of Musical Arts (BMA):**120 hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, and Foundations

**Bachelor of Music in Music Education (BM):**120 hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, and Foundations Requirements

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### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- **Grade Point Average Requirements:** To graduate, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- **Graduation Catalog Requirement:** A student is responsible for the Foundations and Major Requirements listed in any one BYU-Idaho Catalog (chosen by the student) from the year of first registration to the year of graduation, provided the BYU-Idaho Catalog chosen is not more than seven years old.
- **Residence Credit:** To graduate, a student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at BYU-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.
- **Minor Requirement:** At least 6 credits must be taken in residence.
- **Cluster Requirement:** At least 1 course per cluster must be taken in residence.

### APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Applications can be submitted online at [www.byui.edu/graduation](http://www.byui.edu/graduation). Additionally, paper applications can be obtained from the Student Records and Registration Office. A one-time, non-refundable \$8 graduation fee will be assessed per application.

For specific deadlines, refer to the Academic Deadline Calendar found in this catalog. Students who apply after the Graduation Application deadline may not be included in the Commencement Pro-

gram. Official graduation is subject to a degree audit following the last semester of enrollment. The Student Records and Registration will notify students in writing of any graduation deficiencies. The Graduation Application of those who do not complete the requirements will be reevaluated at the end of the next semester.

### 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 and verified, usually 6-8 weeks after final 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 graduating class.
- **Summa Cum Laude:** Students ranked in the top 1% of their graduating 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, the application must be submitted 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.