

Terminology & Types of Degrees

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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 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 Foundation & 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
