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 selection of one cluster plus electives, two clusters or one minor.
  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 Foundations & 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 specialized major, minor or clusters, 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.

CLUSTERS
Students opting to complete a cluster(s) are encouraged to select from the University’s pre-approved cluster options. Clusters should be determined early in the student’s academic career and planned for just as a student would plan for a major, minor, and/or emphasis. Clusters should not be created as an afterthought, merely comprised of courses not needed to meet the student’s other degree requirements. Clusters are not printed on University diplomas or transcripts.

If seeking to declare a custom cluster, students should be aware of the following cluster requirements: Clusters are comprised of 12-15 credits. Students with transfer credits in their cluster must have a minimum of one course in residence at BYU–Idaho. Cluster courses may include more than one discipline if consistent with the student’s career goals. However, clusters may not include religion courses or Foundation courses, with the exception of FDMAT 112 or higher FDMAT courses. Math 111 and higher math courses may also be used in a cluster. Each cluster must include one upper-division course. Courses cannot double-count between majors/minors and Foundations. Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in each cluster course. Clusters may not be comprised entirely of test-out credit and/or vertical credit.

Cluster courses cannot be waived. If a student cannot complete a cluster course, the student must either declare a different pre-approved cluster or request the creation or revision of a custom cluster.

Both pre-approved and custom clusters can be declared through the student’s Satellite Advising Center.