

DEGREE CATEGORIES

All degrees are categorized according to the number of credit hours within the program requirements as follows:

- Standard Degree: 40-55 credit hours of coursework selected from core and emphasis courses within the declared program.
- Interdisciplinary Studies Degree: 50-60 credit hours of coursework selected from core and emphasis courses within the declared minors, concentrations, and clusters.
- Integrated Standard Degree: 56-67 credit hours of coursework selected from core and emphasis courses within the declared program; 1 cluster or 2 clusters or 1 minor must be included in the degree requirements.
- Specialized Degree: 68-80 credit hours of coursework selected from core and emphasis courses within the declared program.

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

- Education Specialized Major: 80 credit hours. No minor required.
- Education Composite Major: 55 credit hours plus education core. No minor required.
- Education Major: 30 credit hours plus education core. Requires an Education minor.
- Education Minor: 20 credit hours. Requires an Education major in a selected field of study.

TYPES OF DEGREES AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science (AAS): 60-70 credit hours including Foundations & University requirements (will not transfer to other schools)
- Associate of Art (AA): 60 credit hours including Foundations
- Associate of Science (AS): 60 credit hours including Foundations
- Bachelor of Art (BA): 120 credit hours including major, minor or clusters, and Foundations
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN):
- Bachelor of Science (BS): 120 credit hours including major, minor or clusters, and Foundations
- Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS): 120 credit hours including 2 concentrations or 1 concentration and 1 minor or 1 concentration and 2 clusters, and Foundations
- Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA): 120 credit hours including major, and Foundations
- Bachelor of Musical Arts (BMA): 120 credit hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, and Foundations
- Bachelor of Music in Music Education (BM): 120 credit hours including specialized major, minor or clusters, and Foundations requirements

CLUSTERS

When clusters are required, they must be selected from the pre-defined cluster options approved by the academic department. Clusters should be declared early in the student's academic career and planned for just as a student would plan for a major, minor, or emphasis. Clusters are not printed on University diplomas or transcripts.

Cluster courses cannot be waived. If a student cannot complete a cluster course, the student must declare a different pre-approved cluster.