

DEFINITIONS

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

Standard Degree: 40 to 55 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes.

Integrated Standard Degree: 67 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes.

1 cluster or 2 clusters or 1 minor must be included in the degree requirements.

Specialized Degree: 80 credit hours of coursework selected from appropriate core and emphasis classes.

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 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.

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.
