Please attach/submit additional documents as needed to fully complete each section of the form.

I. COURSE INFORMATION

Degree or Degree Option*: Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree

Department / Program: Missoula College

Approved Symbolic System Course(s)

Some BAS plans do include a Symbolic System, based on area of focus. For some examples, IT AAS students complete CSCI 135 and 136. Students pursuing areas of focus in the social sciences will often be required to complete a statistics sequence.

* For options include all degree requirements followed by the option requirements.

II. ENDORSEMENT / APPROVALS

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III. JUSTIFICATION

Please explain why the program of study requires over 48 credits for a first baccalaureate degree:

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree was created for students with occupational/technical degrees. Students build upon their technical training by designing a customized degree plan to strengthen their current skills and improve their career advancement opportunities. Because of the technical nature of the BAS degree, the completed Associate of Applied Science (AAS) is an important consideration when designing an appropriate plan of study for each student.

Before being eligible to pursue a BAS degree, students must first earn an AAS degree. Missoula College AAS degrees range from 60-83 credits, with around 65 credits being the norm. Students pursuing a BAS degree must complete all UM GERs required for a baccalaureate degree, and build a committee-approved BAS degree plan to include a minimum of 30 upper-division credits in their area(s) of focus. The total number of credits actually required for each self-designed BAS plan varies by focus area(s).

Currently, only a few students per year work toward a BAS degree. Although BAS degrees are awarded through the College of Humanities and Sciences, the degree itself does not “live” within any particular department and is maintained by the Missoula College Academic Advising Center. While Faculty Senate determined last spring that the General AA degree would be exempt from the language requirement, the BAS degree was overlooked when the foreign language conversation occurred last spring.
IV. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

(1) List all courses required for the major and the credits earned. Courses that apply toward the 48-credit threshold include all requirements for the primary major and designated pre-requisite courses. (2) Subtract general education credits fulfilled by these requirements. Example: If a major requires PHSX 205N-208N (totaling 10 credits), only 4 credits apply towards the 48 credit threshold since 6 credits are needed to fulfill general education group XI (Natural Sciences). (3) Total the courses.

➢ The AAS degree is an integral and required part of the BAS degree and the planning process. Therefore, in addition to the minimum of 30 upper-division credits required for the BAS degree plan, the number of credits required for the AAS degree must be taken into consideration.

➢ Missoula College AAS degree requirements range from 60-83 credits, depending on the program (students may also transfer in an AAS degree from another institution, however, so credit requirements could differ by institution). The number of GERs fulfilled by each AAS degree varies from 3-18 credits. Note that the programs with 18 GER credits are also the ones that require 83 credits to complete.

Below are some examples based on MC AAS degrees:

1. Radiologic Technology AAS, 83 credits
   I. WRIT 101 or WRIT 121 (-3 credits)
   II. M 115 or M 121 (-3 credits)
   VII. PSYX 100S (-3 credits)
   VIII. AHMS 270E (-3 credits)
   XI. BIOH 201N, lab (-3 credits)
       SCN 175N (-3 credits)
   Total: 65 credits + 30 min. BAS credits=95 credits

2. Information Technology AAS, Network Admin & Security Concentration, 60 credits
   I. A. WRIT 101 (-3 credits)
      B. CSCI 215E (-3 credits)
   II. M 115 or higher (-3 credits)
   IV. COMX 111A (-3 credits)
   VII. BGEN 105S (-3 credits)
   VIII. CSCI 215E (double-dip with Intermediate Writing, I.B. above)
   Total: 45 credits + 30 min. BAS credits=75 credits

3. Industrial Technology Department AAS degree programs require 65-69 credits
   I. WRIT 101 or WRIT 121 (-3 credits)
   Total: 62-66 credits + 30 min. BAS credits=92-96 credits

V. OPTION REQUIREMENTS

Please note: Programs granted a symbolic-systems exception to the general education modern and classical languages requirement will have to reapply every four years to keep the exception. The application will require an up-to-date accounting showing that the 48-credit threshold is exceeded.