Bachelor of Applied Science Degree at the University of Montana

# What is a Bachelor of Applied Science degree?

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree at the University of Montana (UM) is designed for individuals who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and want to pursue additional education to strengthen their planned or previous training and improve career advancement opportunities. As such, students pursuing the BAS build a tailored degree plan that suits their specific academic and professional goals.

Up to 50 technical credits earned as part of an AAS degree may count towards the total credits required for the BAS. A maximum of 20 technical credits, on the other hand, may be counted in the total number of credits required for the other baccalaureate degrees at UM (i.e. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees).

Any courses taken as part of the AAS that can count towards UM General Education Requirements (e.g. certain writing, psychology, math, and communication courses) *are not* considered technical and, hence, are not included in this 50 technical credit maximum.

# BAS Degree Requirements

Students who have completed an AAS degree with at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA are eligible to pursue the BAS at UM. The AAS degree must be earned from a regionally accredited institution for higher education. The degree requirements for the BAS degree include completion of:

* A minimum of 127 total earned semester credits
  + 30 of the 127 total required must consist of an upper-division student tailored degree plan curriculum
  + 39 of the 127 total required must be upper-division; this total number includes all credits taken as part of the degree plan curriculum
* All UM General Education Requirements

# BAS Degree Plan

As part of the BAS curriculum, students must develop a degree plan. Due to the nature of the BAS, many plans are interdisciplinary in nature (i.e. consist of courses from multiple disciplines).

It is important to understand that the BAS degree does not identify a specific discipline major. Even though some plans may consist of courses from one discipline (e.g. communication studies, psychology, geology), the student is NOT a Communication Studies, Psychology, or Geology major. Hence, the BAS student’s transcript and diploma will not indicate a specific major.

# BAS Program Process

* Complete Student Information and Goals form and email to the Academic Advising Center
  + A BAS advisor will review the form and contact you
* Discuss BAS with BAS advisor
  + If BAS is selected, apply for admission to BAS Program
* Build initial draft of degree plan using Student Degree Plan form
* Make an advising appointment with BAS advisor
  + Submit and review first draft of degree plan
  + Discuss creating a degree plan committee
* Contact and meet with potential degree plan committee members
* Finalize degree plan and have all committee members sign the Degree Plan Curriculum Approval form

NOTE: All forms are located on the [BAS Degree Forms & Documents webpage](http://mc.umt.edu/aac/BAS/BASForms.php)

# BAS Contact Information

To set an advising appointment or ask general questions, individuals may contact the Missoula College Academic Advising Center: (406) 243-7925 or [AcademicAdvisingCenter@umontana.edu](mailto:AcademicAdvisingCenter@umontana.edu)