

Chapter 13—Obtaining A Degree at SUU

Table 13.1 lists the types of degrees and certificates offered at Southern Utah University. Chapter 15, Summary of Programs and Courses, lists the degrees, majors, minors, certificates, and transfer programs offered at Southern Utah University, arranged by the program of study in which the degree, major, minor, certificate, or transfer program is available.

Table 13.1 Types of Degrees and Certificates Offered at SUU			
MAcc	Master of Accountancy	BA	Bachelor of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration	BIS	Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
MEd	Master of Education	BS	Bachelor of Science
MFA	Master of Fine Arts	AA	Associate of Arts
MSW	Master of Social Work (University of Utah degree at SUU)	AS	Associate of Science
MPC	Master of Arts in Professional Communication (Proposed)	AAS	Associate of Applied Science
MASTER'S DEGREES Degree requirements for master's programs are administered through sponsoring colleges. Details on the programs are available by contacting the deans of the sponsoring schools or colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Master of Accountancy: School of Business § Master of Business Administration: School of Business § Master of Education with specialties in Education Administration Supervisory License, Gifted and Talented Education, Instructional Technology, Physical Science, Reading, Social Science: College of Education § Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration: College of Performing and Visual Arts § Master of Social Work: In cooperation with the University of Utah § Master of Arts in Professional Communication (pending): College of Humanities and Social Sciences 		BACHELOR'S DEGREES Common requirements for all bachelor's degrees include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minimum of 120 semester credit hours in courses numbered 1000 or higher. 2. Of the minimum total hours, 40 semester hours must be in upper-division courses (3000 or above) 3. Minimum GPA requirements for course work in the major and a minimum GPA of 2.0 overall in work taken at SUU as well as a combined SUU and transfer GPA. 4. Completion of SUU general education, major and/or minor course work. 5. Of the total hours required for graduation, at least 30 must be earned in courses taken in residence at SUU. 6. Completion of specific requirements for one of the bachelor's degrees offered by the university: 7. A major and minor, a composite major or dual major are required. 	

Undergraduate degrees available at SUU fall into one of two categories: associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees (also known as bachelor degrees). Depending on the major you choose, you will receive one of the degrees offered by SUU. For instance, if you major in biology, you will receive a bachelor of science degree. If you major in English, you will receive a bachelor of arts degree. If your degree is in information technology you will receive an associate of applied science degree.

Traditionally, obtaining a baccalaureate degree has required four years or more of full-time study, while obtaining an associate degree has usually required two or more years of full-time study.

This chapter defines the minimum credit requirements for each degree available at SUU, as well as general policies applying to all degrees. After reading this chapter, you should turn to Chapter 17 "Academic Departments and Courses," where you will find additional requirements you must meet in order to obtain a degree. These additional requirements (known as major requirements) are specified by the department or interdisciplinary program responsible for the degree you wish to obtain. From time to time, as your academic work progresses, review this chapter and other relevant sections of the catalog to verify that you are making satisfactory progress toward your academic goals and that you are meeting all the requirements for the degree you seek.

In addition to the information contained in this catalog, you can receive information and assistance from your academic advisor. Use this opportunity to consult your advisor about your academic goals and your plans for achieving them. If you have selected a

major, you will work with an advisor in the academic College/School responsible for your major. If you have not selected a major, you will work with an advisor from the Student Success Center.

Academic and Career Advising

Academic and career advising are the processes by which students receive help in forming their educational and career goals and planning ways to achieve them. Based on students' individual circumstances, personal development and skills, advisors provide information and support and foster a sense of responsibility in students to achieve their own goals. Academic advising includes:

- . ongoing contact with an informed and supportive representative of the campus community
- . degree planning, including introduction to and explanation of academic requirements, policies and procedures
- . exploration of necessary skills
- . referral to campus resources

SUU encourages you to seek academic advising whenever you have questions about academic planning.

Bachelor of Arts

This degree must include a foreign language or ASL (American Sign Language) requirement which may be met by one of the following:

1. A minimum of 16 semester credit hours in one foreign language.

2. Documentation of language proficiency through an examination administered by the language and literature department or through an examination by a recognized testing agency.
3. Students for whom English is a second language may meet the BA foreign language requirement by verifying their proficiency in their (non-English) native language in cooperation with the language and literature department and verifying their proficiency in English as a second language by either passing an ESL exit test or passing the ESL special examination.
4. Documentation of a minimum proficiency level in American Sign Language through an examination administered by any accredited institution of higher education. The signer must produce and maintain American Sign Language with continuity and precision.

Bachelor of Science

This degree must include successful completion of 12 credit hours in mathematics or laboratory science that emphasize scientific inquiry through either experimental, analytical or statistical methods. It may include the completion of Math 1010 (Math 1010 will not count toward a general education requirement). Electives, GE, or required courses in the major or minor may satisfy this requirement. The additional science/math courses requirement for the BS degree can be met by successfully completing courses in agriculture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science and information systems, geology, mathematics, physics, nutrition and food science, and kinesiology (PE 3060).

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree

This degree serves students in an individualized academic program across diverse fields of study. Graduates from this degree program cannot be approved for state certification as a teacher. The Interdisciplinary Studies Degree was designed to allow students to develop, with directed faculty assistance and appropriate administrative approval, a composite major which is interdisciplinary and which is not currently an approved major at SUU. While this program offering is intended to be somewhat flexible, no request will be approved unless the student candidate and faculty advisor have jointly planned and organized the proposed composite major which constitutes the Interdisciplinary Studies Degree.

For this reason, a Proposed Program Outline must be submitted by the student, with faculty advisor approval, to the head of the department in which most of his/her courses are to be taken for his/her approval. This Proposed Program Outline should be submitted as early as possible in the student's undergraduate career and must include all courses which are to constitute the composite interdisciplinary major (44 to 67 credits as outlined below).

If the Proposed Program Outline is approved, the student will submit a formal application to the department chair for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree by outlining all proposed coursework (composite major, general education, and elective classes) on a Graduation Worksheet form obtained from the Registrar's Office. This formal application must be approved by the department chair and the dean. It should be submitted as soon as possible in the student's career; however, the requirement that at least 20 upper division credit hours of the proposed composite major must be "directed study approved by faculty advisor, department head and dean" mandates that the formal application be approved at least two semesters in advance of baccalaureate program completion.

The degree's general guidelines are as follows:

1. Courses may be drawn from all existing University courses which fill bachelor's degree requirements.
2. The composite major of the program must be interdisciplinary in nature and not, therefore, a major traditionally taken in an academic department or currently approved at SUU.

3. The selection of the faculty advisor by the student is subject to mutual agreement, except that the advisor must be in the subject-matter discipline and department in which most of the composite major courses are located. Such an assignment also determines the department chair and dean for approval purposes.
4. For record-keeping purposes, the student is coded into the respective department and College whose department chair and dean approve the proposed interdisciplinary program. This coding does not imply, however, that the student or the program is covered by all of the regulations of the department for its traditional majors.
5. Interdisciplinary Studies students are governed by the University's general requirements for graduation:
 - (a) Completion of an interdisciplinary composite major of 44 to 67 credits (no minor is required for Interdisciplinary Studies major);
 6. Of the 44 to 67 credits required for the composite major:
 - (a) At least 20 of the credits required for the composite major must be upper division credits which are to be completed at SUU after the formal application for an interdisciplinary Studies Degree program has been approved by the department chair and the dean;
 - (b) Only classes with grades of "C-" or higher will be counted within the composite major;
 - (c) No courses with pass/fail grading may be used for the composite major, unless approved at the time the formal application is submitted;
 - (d) No more than 40 hours from any single department can be counted toward the composite major;
 - (e) Two options exist for the 44 to 67 credit hours in the composite major:
 - (1) The student must take at least 17 credit hours in each of two different disciplines at SUU, (the total of the two disciplines equaling 44 or more credits).
 - OR
 - (2) The student must take at least, respectively, 17, 10, and 7 credit hours from at least three different disciplines at SUU (the total of the three disciplines equaling 44 or more credit hours).

Majors for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree

Agricultural Science and Industries
Degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies may be generated in other disciplines. Contact appropriate Dean for information.

Requirements for a Second Bachelor's Degree

Students seeking a second Bachelor's Degree must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours earned after the first degree is completed and awarded, and must meet department major requirements in which the degree is sought, including residency. That is: completion of at least 20 upper division credits at SUU. In addition, at least 50 percent of the credit hours required for the second major must be completed at SUU.

Declaring a Major

It is required that a student declare a major by the time the student has completed 45 semester credit hours.

Academic Major

All baccalaureate degrees must be awarded with a major. Minimum requirements are 30 credit hours in the major. Major requirements are listed under department headings which should be consulted for detailed guidelines. Students seeking an emphasis within a degree will be required to complete all coursework appropriate to the emphasis, as directed by the department head. Composite majors require a minimum of 43 credit hours. A student seeking a dual major will be required to meet all the course work requirements and meet the total cumulative number of hours in terms of upper division, total number of hours for residency, total number of hours for graduation, and possess a minimum of 60 credit hours in the dual major.

