Associate of Science Degree

Students may earn the A.S. degree as preparation to transfer to a Bachelor degree program at Montana State University or another university. The degree is suited for students who wish to pursue studies or a career in the sciences, mathematics, medical, or technology fields. Each student will follow a specific curriculum based on the student’s personal, long term, and educational goals, as well as entering skills in math and writing.

To receive the A.S. degree students must complete at least 60 credits including the following requirements:

• General Education Core requirements (30 credit hours) *
  • University Seminar (US)
  • Writing (W)
  • Cultural Diversity (D)
  • Quantitative Reasoning (Q)
  • Contemporary Issues in Science (CS)
  • Natural Science (IN or RN)
  • Arts (IA or RA)
  • Humanities (IH or RH)
  • Social Science (IS or RS)
  • Research or Creative Experience
• Directed elective coursework in Mathematics and Natural Sciences beyond the Core (9 credit hours) *
• General Education Electives (21 credit hours)

Graduates with an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree are prepared to:

• Demonstrate the Montana State University Core outcomes of communication, thinking and problem solving, and local and global citizenship.
• Think critically in evaluating information, solving problems, and making decisions.
• Transfer and apply knowledge and skills learned into a Bachelor degree program.

* A grade of C- or better is required for all Core and Directed elective courses counted toward the degree.