

# COLLEGE of EXTENDED LEARNING

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## **Bachelor of Applied Studies** **Bachelor of Individualized Studies**

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The mission of the College of Extended Learning is to provide comprehensive learning opportunities to meet diverse educational and professional needs anytime, anywhere. The College of Extended Learning provides programs that involve emerging technologies or that are interdisciplinary in nature. Units under the College of Extended Learning include Weekend Courses (formerly known as Weekend College), Teaching Academy, and Media Technology. Together, these units provide academic programs and extended learning opportunities such as continuing education, professional development, and personal enrichment. Our two academic degrees, Bachelor of Applied Studies and the Bachelor of Individualized Studies, allow students to create a versatile program to meet academic and professional needs.

### **DEGREE: Bachelor of Applied Studies**

The Bachelor of Applied Studies (B.A.S.) is designed for the individual who has earned an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) or equivalent applied degree from an accredited college or university. By building upon prior education, the B.A.S. provides the student with broader academic experiences and a rewarding program of study.

### **Admission Requirements**

Students seeking admission to the B.A.S. program must have earned an Associate of Applied Science or a similar applied degree from an accredited institution. To be accepted into the program, candidates must meet the following criteria to be accepted into the program:

- Be in good academic standing with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Satisfy the University's basic skills requirement (see page xx).
- Submit a proposal clearly articulating education and career goals to be met through the B.A.S. program.
- Develop a plan of study that builds upon the applicant's existing course work to meet the stated education and career goals, in consultation with a B.A.S. advisor.

### **Degree Requirements**

- Completion of a total of at least 128 credits, of which at least 54 are upper-division credits. The student must fulfill university General Education requirements.
- Regular consultation with the approved B.A.S. advisor. (Failure to meet with the adviser and obtain the adviser's signature on each course request card submitted during candidacy will result in disenrollment from the program.)

### **DEGREE: Bachelor of Individualized Studies**

**Committee** Stephen Arnold, Ph.D., Health Science; Kathy Brook, Ph.D., College of Business Administration and Economics; Gregory Butler, Ph.D., Government; Wes Holley, Ph.D., College of Agriculture and Home Economics; J. Philip King, Ph.D., Civil and Geological Engineering; Michael Morehead, Ed.D., College of Education; Martha Rowe, D.M.A., Music; Mark E. Workman, Ed.D., College of Extended Learning, program director.

The Bachelor of Individualized Studies (B.I.S.) degree is one of the most rewarding degree programs offered at the university. The B.I.S. provides an alternative degree for students with special educational objectives that can only be met through individually tailored programs of study. Students design individualized curricula that may vary from the requirements of other degrees in the University.

### **Admission Requirements**

Application for admission to the B.I.S. program should be filed in the office of the Dean of Extended Learning no later than October 31 (fall semester) or March 31 (spring semester). Applications must include a letter of support from a potential faculty adviser. Admission to candidacy is subject to the approval of the program director. Candidates must meet the following criteria to be accepted into the program:

- Have at least 28 credits; should earn at least 30 credits while in the B.I.S. program to complete the B.I.S. degree.
- Be in good academic standing with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0.
- Satisfy the University's basic skills requirement (see page xx).
- Have clearly defined education goals that cannot be met by traditional degree programs.
- Submit a study plan appropriate for accomplishing the stated educational goals. All courses approved for the study plan must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

A candidate for the B.I.S. degree may not be simultaneously a candidate for another degree. A student may not apply for a B.I.S. degree after having received another baccalaureate degree. A B.I.S. student who has been out of the university for two years must apply for readmission to the B.I.S. Program upon returning to the university. A B.I.S. student may be asked to participate in Outcomes Assessment of his or her learning in this program.

### **Degree Requirements**

- Complete a total of at least 128 credits, including at least 54 upper-division credits.
- Fulfill University General Education requirements.
- Have regular consultation with the approved B.I.S. advisor. Students who do not meet with and obtain the adviser's signature on each course request card submitted during candidacy will be disenrolled from the program.

### **Weekend Courses (Previously Weekend College)**

For students who find it difficult or impossible to take classes during the week because of work or family responsibilities, the College of Extended Learning offers regular, full-credit courses taught weekly on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday at the main campus in Las Cruces. Courses are available for anyone wanting to start or return to college and for those wishing to take courses for personal enrichment. Detailed information is available at <http://www.nmsu.edu/weekend> or by telephone at (505) 646-4692 or (800) 821-1574.

### **Distance Education (Previously Office of Distance Education)**

The College of Extended Learning provides comprehensive distance learning opportunities to meet diverse educational and professional needs anytime, anywhere. Distance education courses from NMSU are delivered using the most innovative technology and methods available, including satellite television, ITV (Interactive Television), the World Wide Web, faculty exchanges, and off-site classes. Degree programs include bachelor degree completion, master's degrees, and doctorates.

### **Teaching Academy**

The Teaching Academy supports teachers, enhances learning, and builds community by providing training, networking, and mentoring to all NMSU educators. The Academy provides workshops and short courses on teaching, time management, mentoring, scholarly writing, and other topics, as well as trips to teaching conferences. The Teaching Academy is located in room 50, Milton Hall. Detailed information is available at <http://www.teaching.nmsu.edu>, by telephone at (505) 646-2204, or through email at [teaching@nmsu.edu](mailto:teaching@nmsu.edu).

**Media Technologies**

Media Technologies facilitates two-way video conferencing for meetings and distance education courses. In addition, services are available for voice-over IP, audio and video duplication, standards conversions, field and

studio videotaping, editing, and course delivery through cable television, satellite, teleconferencing, and more. Courses at NMSU may use a blended approach to instruction that integrates two or more types of these technologies to promote engaging and effective learning.