

COLLEGE of EXTENDED LEARNING

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Bachelor of Applied Studies

Bachelor of Individualized Studies

Focused study in partnership with the Creative Media Institute

The College of Extended Learning extends New Mexico State University's reach beyond traditional campuses, classrooms, and academic programs to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for students to meet their academic, professional, and personal learning goals. The College of Extended Learning also provides educational and partnership opportunities for faculty and staff in the University community through training, networking, and mentoring.

The College of Extended Learning offers:

- Flexible degree programs in the Bachelor of Applied Studies and the Bachelor of Individualized Studies for students with degree plans and academic experiences that do not fit the traditional mold
- Distance Education degree programs and courses for students far from NMSU campuses
- Weekend Courses for students unable to attend main campus classes during the week
- Media Technology communication services for administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

The College of Extended Learning is located in Milton Hall, room 185 and can be contacted at (505) 646-4692 or (800) 821-1574. For current information visit <http://extended.nmsu.edu/>.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Applied Studies

The Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAS) is designed for students with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or equivalent degree from an accredited institution. Building on prior education, the BAS provides students with broader experiences in technical career areas. The Bachelor of Applied Studies promotes the mission and purpose of NMSU by making available more flexible degree options and providing a pathway of study for community college graduates with technical and applied degrees. The student population targeted for this program differs significantly from traditional degree programs at NMSU. Many students seeking admission to this program are employed or have been employed in an industry. Thus, the prime candidate for the BAS program is a student with prior real-world work experience. The BAS affords new opportunities to prospective students and helps minimize credit loss for students holding associate degrees in technical and applied areas when transferring to NMSU.

Admission Requirements

Students seeking admission to the BAS program must have an Associate of Applied Science or similar degree from a regionally accredited institution and must clearly identify their career or educational goals. For admission to the BAS program, you must:

- Have an Associate of Applied Science or a similar degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Demonstrate basic academic skills in English and mathematics at NMSU
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0
- Not be, simultaneously, a candidate for another degree
- Develop, in consultation with a BAS advisor, a course of study that builds on the applicant's existing coursework to meet the stated education or career goals
- Submit a proposal that clearly articulates education or career goals.

Degree Requirements

Once admitted into the program, you must:

- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average
- Pass all courses approved with a grade C or higher

To graduate from the Bachelor of Applied Studies program, you must:

- Complete a minimum of 128 credit hours (or more, depending on your plan of study)
- Complete a minimum of 54 credit hours of upper-division courses (300 and above)
- Complete the university's general education requirements (at least 38 hours of approved general education courses)*
- Complete the approved BAS degree study plan.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Individualized Studies

The Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS) program is designed for the student whose educational goals are not met by traditional degree programs. This program bridges academic disciplines and gives a student the opportunity to develop a course of study appropriate to their unique educational and career goals. Because of the program's flexibility, the possibilities are extensive. Students can combine educational experiences beyond degree programs offered by other NMSU colleges. The BIS program also facilitates NMSU's alignment with its community colleges. The BIS program recognizes credits earned by students with an associate degree and may consider credit hours earned in areas that would not apply toward traditional degrees at NMSU. Universities across the nation are discovering that traditional degree programs can't address society's interdisciplinary educational needs. Our global community and increasingly complex work places have created a demand for interdisciplinary programs. Institutions of higher education have responded by creating more flexible programs in the form of the individualized (interdisciplinary) studies degree. For admission to the BIS program you must:

- Demonstrate basic academic skills in English and mathematics at NMSU
- Have a minimum of 28 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
- Have not yet earned a bachelor's degree
- Not be, simultaneously, a candidate for another degree
- Submit a written statement defining education goals and why they cannot be met by a traditional degree program and a study plan for accomplishing your educational goals.

Degree Requirements

Once admitted into the BIS program, you must:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Pass all courses approved with a grade C or higher

To graduate from the Bachelor of Individualized Studies program, you must:

- Complete a minimum of 128 credit hours (or more, depending on the plan of study)
- Complete a minimum of 54 credit hours of upper-division courses (300 and above)
- Complete the University's general education requirements (at least 38 hours from the University's list of approved general education courses)*
- Complete the approved BIS degree study plan.

* *General Education requirements were under revision at the time of publication. Students must check with their academic adviser for current requirements and lists of specific courses that meet these requirements.*

Creative Media Institute

The goal of the Creative Media Institute (CMI) is to prepare students for being effective creators and critical thinkers in digital media. Study in the CMI program fosters graduates capable of collaborative expression based on a clear understanding of media culture, history, design and practice. CMI

also offers students the opportunity for internships in digital video, animation, gaming, visualization and simulation, industrial video, and educational video at varied production facilities on campus.

In partnership with the Creative Media Institute, students at the College of Extended Learning can pursue a Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS) degree focusing on state-of-the-art digital filmmaking, animation, and game development supported by experienced industry professionals and NMSU faculty. Through concentrated study, BIS-CMI students can acquire skills that apply across multiple disciplines and industries: entertainment, medicine, science, forensics, information, education, government, and business fields. CMI provides study opportunities for newly admitted NMSU students, opportunities for students with a creative media technology associate degree from one of the NMSU or other New Mexico two-year degree granting institutions, and upper division creative media study. The Bachelor of Individualized Studies with focused study in creative media provides a liberal arts background that will enable the student to pursue further education, professional training, or employment in a professional industry.

Admission Requirements

For admission to CMI courses developed for junior and senior years, you must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and submit an application to the CMI Review Committee that includes:

- a narrative statement defining educational goals
- a resume
- academic transcripts from prior institutions
- 2 letters of recommendation
- a portfolio of personal, creative media accomplishments

Degree Requirements

Once admitted into the BIS-CMI program, you must:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA.
- Pass all courses approved with a grade C or higher.

To graduate from the Bachelor of Individualized Studies program with focused study in creative media, you must:

- Complete a minimum of 128 credit hours (or more, depending on the courses in your chosen focused creative media study plan)
- Complete a minimum of 54 credit hours of upper-division courses (300 and above)
- Complete the University's general education requirements (at least 38 hours from the University's list of approved general education courses)
- Complete specified courses on your approved focused creative media study plan in digital filmmaking, animation, or game development

Focused creative media study includes:

- 60 credits of required creative media study during the freshman and sophomore years or acquired by an associate degree in creative media technology at a two-year degree granting accredited institution; and
- 33 credits of focused creative media study in digital filmmaking, animation, or game development.

Students accepted for focused study with the Creative Media Institute must complete specific creative media courses that are under development at the time of this publication. Some CMI courses are also available at NMSU two-year degree granting campuses. Further information on CMI courses can be found at <http://creativemedia.nmsu.edu/>.

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.

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.

Weekend Courses

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.

NMSU Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

Students enrolled in the College of Extended Learning will participate in NMSU's Student Learning Outcomes Assessment program as required.