The Program

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) degree program is intended for students who have not completed a bachelor’s degree. The B.U.S. degree provides flexibility for students who wish to determine the content of their degree rather than pursue a specific major. Each student will design a program leading to specific educational goals, but not necessarily within any one department. This provides a flexible and adaptable degree based on your individual needs and previously completed coursework.

Advantages

This flexible degree is available to students who wish to structure their own program of study while selecting classes that are valuable for their personal goals. This degree could be the right fit for you if you are not sure which program of study you prefer.

The B.U.S. program allows you to draw from a number of different coursework options, including business, early childhood, education, English, psychology, library media and information science, and health, physical education and recreation. Students should note that the B.U.S. degree doesn’t qualify the graduate for teacher certification.

Students who previously attended college and did not earn a degree for whatever reason will find this program allows them to return and complete their education. The bachelor of university studies program at MSU is very transfer-friendly.

Any coursework you previously earned from regionally accredited institutions will be accepted and applied to the B.U.S. core requirements, general education, optional minor, and electives as appropriate, regardless of the academic program in which you were previously enrolled.

Value

The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best in the Midwest College, as designated by the Princeton Review. MSU was also named one of the 2013 top three Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.
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Upper Division (300-400 level) Core Requirements - 36 upper division semester hours

General Education - 36 semester hours

Optional Minor - 16-21 semester hours

Instructional Technology Certificate Courses - 5 semester hours

Concepts of Fitness & Wellness/First Aid & CPR - 3 semester hours

Electives as needed to total 120 semester hours and meet the Mayville State residency requirement

Total for B.U.S. degree - 120 semester hours required

Other requirements:
• 30 semester hours in residency with Mayville State University
• Minimum of 2.0 GPA in general education, major, optional minor, and Mayville State courses
• Nine (9) semester hours of upper division core requirements must be completed with Mayville State University.
• Six (6) semester hours of optional minor requirements must be completed with Mayville State University.

What classes can I take to meet the University Studies core, minor, and elective requirements?

Mayville State offers various courses in the following areas:

Business
Computer Information Science
Education
Psychology

Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Liberal Arts - History, Geography, English
Mathematics
Science

*There are many more course options available to complete this degree. See a list of our majors and minors.

Additionally, a number of Mayville State courses are offered online.