



To: Duane Hrcir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Cc: Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor

Fr: Monique Marron,  
UAA Governance Office

Re: 120117-1 BA/BS Catalog Copy

On December 1, 2017 the Faculty Senate approved a motion to approve the attached changes to the BA/BS Catalog Copy brought forth by UAB.

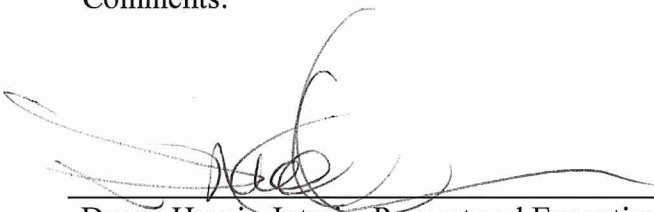
Please see the enclosed documents for more information.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Duane Hrcir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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**Chancellor**

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Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor

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## **Proposed Definitions of BS/BA Degrees**

### **Revised draft 11-22-17**

#### **Current Catalog Copy**

##### **Baccalaureate Degrees**

Baccalaureate, or bachelor's, degrees consist of a minimum of 120 credits and comprise three interrelated parts:

1. General Education Requirements, which provide students a broad overview of the liberal arts and sciences and create the foundation for further study in the major or program, lifelong learning and workplace preparedness. GERs are best taken early in a student's academic career.
2. Major Requirements, which afford students intensive study in a specialized subject, program or professional area. The major prepares a student for employment and/or graduate-level course work.
3. Elective Credits, which are the body of work to complete the 120 credits. These credits may be limited, as in the case of many professional programs, or open for the student's choice, allowing for

students to investigate other areas of interest. Students may choose to declare a Minor (generally 18-24 credits from within the Elective credits) to pursue an additional area of study or qualification. A well-selected minor can strongly complement a student's major area of study.

Baccalaureate degrees are offered at UAA in more than 50 major study areas. Depending upon the program or major, graduation requirements can vary, so students should check with an advisor to get the latest program details.

##### **Draft Additional Language**

UAA offers a number of Baccalaureate degrees, depending upon the field of study. The two primary types are as follows:

1. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees generally require additional course work in the liberal arts, humanities, and social sciences and offer greater flexibility in elective credits, with a focus upon broad-based achievement in preparation for graduate school, the corporate or business worlds, or education.
2. The Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees generally require additional course work in math and the natural sciences (with labs), with a focus upon discipline-specific technical classes pertaining to particular professions or preparation for advanced study.

If a program offers both a BS and a BA degree, the programs need to be distinct by a minimum of 12 credits.

UAA also offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), the Bachelor of Human Services (BHS), the Bachelor of Music (BM), and the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).

Baccalaureate degrees may also have specialized application and entrance requirements as well as specialized completion requirements. Students are strongly advised to speak with an advisor before declaring a major and signing up for classes.