

BACHELOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies (BMS) degree offers a distinct multidisciplinary learning opportunity that allows students to pursue areas of study that may be unrelated, cultivates an approach to problem-solving that appreciates and utilizes diverse perspectives and knowledge, and fosters an appreciation and thirst for lifelong learning. Recognizing the diverse needs, interests, and experiences of our multigenerational learners, the BMS program allows for flexibility in acceptance of transfer credit and other college-level learning outside the traditional classroom. The curriculum complements and connects prior learning and the discipline-specific learning students select as part of their degree program.

The BMS curriculum intentionally develops both intellectual and practical skills that enable students to be successful in the 21st Century.

A multidisciplinary approach to learning enhances our students' abilities to:

- Cope with uncertainty and ambiguity.
- Adapt to different contexts and environments in a complex, fast-changing world.
- Appreciate and understand multiple perspectives & viewpoints.
- Look across disciplinary boundaries to consider other viewpoints.
- Develop deeper evaluation skills.
- Draw on different frames of reference to identify solutions.

Student Learning Outcomes

The BMS curriculum is intentionally designed to observe, develop, and enrich program outcomes in our students. Throughout the program, students shape, articulate, and document their progress towards achievement of each Goal and Learning Outcome, independent of where, when, or how the learning was acquired.

All BMS students upon completion of the program will:

- Understand the interconnectedness of real-world issues and assess their own ethical values and responsibility.
- Demonstrate effective, context-appropriate communication.
- Apply and connect knowledge from multiple sources to collaboratively explore complex, real-world issues.
- Value and justify the importance of continuous development and lifelong learning and accurately appraise their capabilities and achievements.
- Utilize creative and independent thinking to ask questions, construct knowledge, and express their distinctive voice.

To learn more about the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree or schedule a meeting with an academic advisor at one of our two Division of Continuing Studies locations:

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Fast Track - Business Administration

The College of Business Administration MBA program has developed a FastTrack program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a BMS degree and an MBA degree in an accelerated time frame. With FastTrack, students may count up to nine graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing a BMS degree and desiring to pursue an MBA
- Students must have completed no less than 60 undergraduate hours
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good standing
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.
- Please note, BSAD 8110 will apply toward the completion of the BMS degree program requirements, but only as a foundation course for the MBA.

Fast Track - Criminology and Criminal Justice

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing a BS in criminology and criminal justice or those pursuing a BMS with a concentration in criminology and criminal justice desiring to pursue either a MA or MS in criminology and criminal justice
- Students must have completed no less than 75 undergraduate credit hours
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course

- Students will work with their academic advisor to register for the graduate courses
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good standing
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program but successful completion of the graduate courses will be a significant consideration in admission to the MA or MS in criminology and criminal justice program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Fast Track - Cybersecurity

The School of Interdisciplinary Informatics (SI2) has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate credit hours towards the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program. Students will work with both undergraduate and graduate advisors to ensure graduate classes selected will count toward both programs, should a student wish to earn a graduate degree in a separate College of Information Science & Technology (CIST) area than their undergraduate degree.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following:
 - Students pursuing a CIST undergraduate degree desiring to pursue an MS in either the same or a related CIST field
 - Students pursuing a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in cybersecurity who wish to pursue the MS in cybersecurity.
- Students must have completed no less than 60 undergraduate hours.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. All applicants will need to meet any other admission requirements established for the MS in the selected CIST program. The application fee will be waived if the applicant contacts the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code prior to submitting the MS application.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Fast Track - Gerontology

The Department of Gerontology has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to nine graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies desiring to pursue the MA in gerontology
- Students must have completed no fewer than 60 undergraduate hours
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good academic standing
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted to undergraduate status including financial aid
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree

Fast Track - IT Innovation

The School of Interdisciplinary Informatics (SI2) has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program. Students will work with both undergraduate and graduate advisors to ensure graduate classes selected will count toward both programs, should a student wish to earn a graduate degree in a separate College of Information Science & Technology (CIST) area than their undergraduate degree.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following:
 - Students pursuing a CIST undergraduate degree desiring to pursue an MS in either the same or a related CIST field
 - Students pursuing the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies desiring to pursue the MS in ITIN.
- Students must have completed no less than 60 undergraduate hours and with at least 24 undergraduate credits yet to complete.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit it to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required to remain in good standing.

- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. All applicants will need to meet any other admission requirements established for the MS in the selected CIST program. The application fee will be waived if the applicant contacts the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code prior to submitting the MS application.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Fast Track - Management Information Systems

The Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program. Students will work with both undergraduate and graduate advisors to ensure graduate classes selected will count toward both programs, should a student wish to earn a graduate degree in a separate College of Information Science & Technology (CIST) area than their undergraduate degree.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following:
 - Students pursuing a CIST undergraduate degree desiring to pursue an MS in either the same or a related CIST field.
 - Students pursuing a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies who wish to pursue the MS in MIS.
- Students must have completed no less than 60 undergraduate hours and within at least 24 undergraduate credits yet to complete.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form, obtain all signatures and submit it to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required to remain in good standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. All applicants will need to meet any other admission requirements established for the MS in selected CIST program. The application fee will be waived if the applicant contacts the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code prior to submitting the MS application.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Fast Track - Public Administration

The School of Public Administration has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward

the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following who wish to pursue a Master of Public Administration degree:
 - Students majoring in emergency management from the UNO School of Public Administration
 - Students pursuing the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies
- Students should have senior status and must be within at least 30 undergraduate credits yet to complete their undergraduate degree. Exceptional students who do not meet this requirement may be considered.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5.
- Students must complete the Fast-Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- Students must consult with the MPA advisor prior to enrollment in one of the courses listed below.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 is required to remain in good standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the MPA program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - For this program, if students maintain at least a grade of B+ in courses taken, they will be recommended for admission to the MPA program.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

The following courses may be taken under the Fast-Track program:

- PA 8050: Foundations of Public Service
- PA 8090: Organizational Theory and Behavior
- PA 8100: Advanced Management and Leadership for Public and Nonprofit Organizations (Note: This course may only be taken if both PA 8050 and PA 8090 are completed).

Fast Track - Urban Studies

The Master of Science in urban studies program has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following who wish to pursue a MS in urban studies:
 - BS in emergency management
 - BS in black studies
 - Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies.

- Students must be within at least 30 undergraduate credits yet to complete their undergraduate degree. Exceptional students who do not meet this requirement may be considered.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- Students must consult with the urban studies advisor prior to enrollment in one of the courses listed below.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 is required to remain in good standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the MS in urban studies program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
 - For this program, if students maintain at least a grade of B+ in courses taken, they will be recommended for admission to the MS in urban studies.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

The following courses may be taken under the Fast Track program:

- BLST 8886:Seminar on Black Leadership
- UBNS 8000:Seminar in Urban Studies
- UBNS 8060:Introduction to Urban Planning
- UBNS 8020:Race, Ethnicity and American Urban Culture**
- UBNS 8200:Community Organizing and Development**
 - PA 8010:The Public Economy (Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in UBNS 8000)

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Requirements

To obtain a BMS, students must fulfill the university, college, and program requirements, including:

- A minimum of 120 credit hours is required, with at least 30 earned at UNO.
- A minimum of 30 credit hours in upper level (3000- or 4000-level) coursework; at least 12 credit hours in the major must be earned at UNO.
- Overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.00, calculated based on all courses in the University of Nebraska (NU) system.
- Grades of C- or better are required in the University General Education courses and in major coursework (MLTI Seminars and Blocks 1-3).

TOTAL HOURS (MINIMUM): 120

Multidisciplinary Studies Major Core

The Multidisciplinary Core consists of three (15-hour) blocks of credit and is designed to combine two or more areas of study, allowing students the

opportunity to explore and connect varying perspectives and viewpoints. The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies degree can be constructed in the following two ways:

- Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies - Concentration Required (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/conc-required/>)
- Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies - Concentration Not Required (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/conc-not-req/>)

Pathway Concentration Option

The Pathway concentration is for students who wish to move to another degree program at UNO, but do not currently meet entry requirements for that program. Students work with UNO academic advisors to navigate the transition to their program of choice. Students may not earn a degree through the Pathway concentration, however, may ultimately choose to complete their degree through the BMS program by selecting a Multidisciplinary Studies program of study.

Degree Policies

Second Degree

Students seeking a second degree must complete a NEW 30 hours at UNO, regardless of how many previous hours they have earned, to meet requirements of the additional degree. Students are required to complete the requirements for the Concentration (Blocks 1 & 2) and any required prerequisite coursework. A BGE/BGS/BMS graduate cannot earn a second BMS degree.

Double Area of Concentration

Students pursuing two Areas of Concentration may "double-count" courses to satisfy requirements for both concentrations. It is a students' responsibility to declare both concentrations.

Simultaneous Degrees

Students may simultaneously pursue two different degrees from UNO. The Registrar's Office requires students to complete a minimum of 150 hours for two degrees. Students do not have to receive both degrees at the same time - the Registrar's office will confer the second degree when the requirements are met. Students may not earn two of the same degree nor two of the same concentration/major (e.g., BMS with History concentration and a BA in History, BMS with General Administration concentration and a BSBA).

Academic Amnesty

Academic amnesty gives students the opportunity to rebuild their University of Nebraska system cumulative grade point average (GPA). Students must have been out of the Nebraska system for at least one year to be eligible for academic amnesty and only 'F' and 'D' grades earned within the University of Nebraska system (UNO, UNL, UNK, UNMC) prior to the year out will be included in the amnesty. All UNO colleges will accept the results of the DCS amnesty. Consult a DCS academic advisor to learn more.

Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) Grades

DCS students may elect to receive a grade of Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) in lieu of a letter grade. A student earns a CR with a C- grade or higher. Please see University policy regarding eligibility (<https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/grades/#text>). In the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies, a maximum of 24 hours may be taken on a Credit/No Credit basis, of which six hours maximum is allowed in the Multidisciplinary Core (Block 1, 2, 3). Students planning to apply to

graduate of professional programs should consult with those programs on their acceptance of non-graded credit.

Credit for Prior Learning

The DCS office determines how Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) credits are applied toward graduation requirements in accordance with the policies of the institution, college, and program. Duplicate credit for the same learning is not awarded. For example, students who may have previously taken and passed an English Composition I course at two prior institutions will only get credit for the most recent course taken and passed.

Learning experiences vary, and as such, academic credit for prior learning is highly individualized and must be determined on a case-by-case basis. Many adult and contemporary learners apply some method of CPL towards their BMS degree. Our professional academic advisors work closely with you to determine how the credits may apply to your program of study and your future goals.

All modalities outlined are currently available only to degree-seeking students enrolled in the BMS program. Students enrolled in UNO programs outside of DCS should adhere to the policies established by the respective program and college. Due to the nature of our student population, the BMS program provides the broadest and most flexible CPL policy at UNO. As such, students who change to a non-BMS program at UNO may find that CPL credits do not apply to their new program in the same manner. Students are encouraged to work closely with a DCS academic advisor to determine if CPL is an option.

Students may apply a maximum of 64 credit hours from two-year institutions and a maximum of 65 credit hours from evaluated non-college programs and standardized exams towards their BMS degree. The Division of Continuing Studies does not offer portfolio evaluation of students' life experiences.

Standards for Assessing Learning

Since 1974 the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has worked with colleges and universities in both the public and private sectors to support the learning goals of adults. CAEL has created standards for assessing CPL. The Division of Continuing Studies has adopted CAEL's ten standards for assessing learning: <https://www.cael.org/ten-standards-for-assessing-learning> (<https://www.cael.org/ten-standards-for-assessing-learning/>)

1. Credit or competencies are awarded only for evidence of learning, not for experience or time spent.
2. Assessment is integral to learning because it leads to and enables future learning.
3. Assessment is based on criteria for outcomes that are clearly articulated and shared among constituencies.
4. The determination of credit awards and competence levels are made by appropriate subject matter and credentialing experts.
5. Assessment advances the broader purpose of equity and access for diverse individuals and groups.
6. Institutions proactively provide guidance and support for learners' full engagement in the assessment process.
7. Assessment policies and procedures are the result of inclusive deliberation and are shared with all constituencies.
8. Fees charged for assessment are based on the services performed in the process rather than the credit awarded.
9. All practitioners involved in the assessment process pursue and receive adequate training and continuing professional development for the functions they perform.

10. Assessment programs are regularly monitored, evaluated and revised to respond to institutional and learner needs.

Transfer Credits from Postsecondary Institutions (Colleges and Universities)

In order to determine if coursework taken at a postsecondary institution other than UNO is eligible for transfer and how it applies to BMS curriculum, DCS relies on the recommendations of the Joint Statement on the Transfer and Award of Credit (AACRAO, CHEA, & ACE, 2021 (<https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Joint-Statement-on-the-Transfer-and-Award-of-Credit.pdf>)). The three considerations that determine the transferability of credit includes:

1. The educational quality of the institution;
2. The comparability of nature, content, and level of the course that is to be transferred to UNO and applied to the BMS program;
3. The appropriateness and applicability of the credit in relation to BMS plan of study.

Institutional Accreditation

Accreditation serves as the basic indicator that an institution meets certain minimum standards in order to give students and policymakers confidence in the effectiveness of academic quality. As such, DCS recognizes the value of accreditation and has outlined a process for identifying postsecondary credit that may transfer to the BMS program.

Regionally Accredited Institutions

Coursework of comparable content and scope to the UNO and BMS curriculum will generally be transferred if it was completed at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). Courses must be successfully completed with a grade of C- or better. The six regional accrediting agencies that operate in the U.S. are:

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Nationally Accredited Institutions

DCS recognizes that institutions may offer programs that are recognized by programmatic or specialized accrediting agencies. Students who have successfully completed coursework at colleges and universities that do not hold regional accreditation may request evaluation of credit for applicability of transfer. As a general rule, DCS requires that the institution and/or program be recognized by an accrediting body that is recognized by both CHEA and USDE during the time period of attendance.

Non-U.S. Tertiary Institutions

UNO takes great pride in the diversity of our student population and welcomes students who have completed postsecondary coursework outside

of the U.S. higher education system. Due to the diversity of languages, curriculum, structure and grading schema of non-U.S. colleges and universities, UNO requires a certified translation to accompany transcripts not issued in English by World Education Services, www.wes.org (<http://www.wes.org>), or Educational Credential Evaluators, www.ece.org (<http://www.ece.org>). The translation should be literal and not interpretive. In many cases, international credits will be converted to the U.S. semester system. A DCS academic advisor can provide a list of organizations that provide transcript translation services.

Coursework Not Accepted for Transfer Credit

The following coursework will not be accepted for transfer credit and will not count toward a degree at UNO:

- Courses in which the grade earned is below a C- on 4.0 grading scale (except from the NU system).
- Courses identified by UNO as remedial, such as remedial English, Mathematics and developmental reading.
- Portfolio-based experiential credits awarded by another institution.

Standardized Exams

Standardized examinations are available in disciplines from physics to studio art, from computer science to foreign language. Typically, DCS awards credit for introductory-level courses; although, some students use examinations to demonstrate advanced knowledge.

Eligible Exams

Credit may be earned by successfully completing eligible examinations:

- Advanced Placement Exams (AP): <https://apcentral.collegeboard.com>
- International Baccalaureate Exams (IB): <https://ibo.org>
- College Level Exam Program (CLEP): <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) (formerly DANTES): <https://www.getcollegecredit.com/>

Note: AP and IB examinations are normally completed as part of a high school curriculum.

Course and Credit Equivalencies

Course and credit equivalencies for AP, IB, CLEP, and DSST examinations are regularly evaluated and updated. Be advised that examinations accepted for credit, the minimum score required and hours/courses awarded are subject to change by UNO and DCS at any time without notice. A maximum of 30 hours of exam credit can be applied to the BMS degree.

Course and credit equivalencies for AP, IB, CLEP, and DSST are posted on the UNO website (<https://www.unomaha.edu/registrar/students/before-you-enroll/transfer-credit/clep-credit.php>). Courses not listed on the articulation guide may be eligible for transfer and fulfillment of general elective requirements in the BMS degree program.

Evaluated Non-College Programs

Adult and contemporary learners can demonstrate college-level knowledge and competencies gained from courses, examinations and certifications offered by employers, federal agencies, professional associations, apprenticeship programs, online education providers and other organizations. Courses and training are rigorously reviewed by a team

of faculty experts who make recommendations for course-level and credit-hour equivalencies.

Eligible Credit Recommendations

Credit may be awarded for learning assessed by the following organizations:

- **American Council on Education (ACE)**
ACE's College Credit Recommendation Service (CREDIT) has reviewed over 35,000 courses, exams, and learning experiences for academic credits since it was founded in 1974. For more information, visit <http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide> (<http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide/>).
- **National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)**
Formerly known as National PONS, the NCCRS has been evaluating training and education programs for college credit equivalencies since 1973. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalccrs.org/course-credit-directory> (<http://www.nationalccrs.org/course-credit-directory/>).
- **DCS Faculty Academic Policy Committee (FAPC)**
The FAPC provides academic guidance and oversight for the BMS program. In conjunction with UNO faculty, the committee is responsible for reviewing and approving select nontraditional college credit recommendations that may be applied to the BMS program. The committee does not evaluate individual credit requests on an ad hoc basis.

Military Training and Experience

DCS is dedicated to bridging military service with undergraduate curriculum. As part of this commitment, we award academic credit for military training and learning experiences from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. As with all methods of CPL, credit awards are at the full discretion of the DCS Office.

- **Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy**
In 2013, the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy transitioned to the Joint-Services Transcript (JST) for active-duty, reserve and veteran members. JST replaced the following systems: AARTS (Army), SMART (Navy and Marines), CGI (Coast Guard) and Form DD-295 (all branches). JST CPL credits are posted as other institutional credits, rather than transfer credits. For instructions on how to order a JST, visit <https://jst.doded.mil/faq.html>.
- **Air Force**
Air Force training is certified by the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). CCAF is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through Air University, therefore, CCAF courses are considered transfer credits at UNO. For instructions on how to order CCAF transcripts, visit <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/community-college-of-the-air-force-transcripts/>.
- **Defense Language Institute (DLI)**
Operated by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), DLI provides linguistic and cultural instruction to members of the DoD and federal agencies. DLI courses are considered transfer credits at UNO as it is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. For instructions on how to order an official transcript, visit www.dliflc.edu (<http://www.dliflc.edu>).

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree Concentrations

The curriculum of each BMS Concentration is determined by the faculty of the respective academic department(s). Concentration curricular revisions are made in partnership with academic departments.

- Applied Aging Studies (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/applied-aging-conc/>)
- Applied Leadership (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/applied-leadership-conc/>)
- Aviation Studies (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/aviation-studies-conc/>)
- Behavioral Health (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/behavioral-health-conc/>)
- Biology (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/biology-conc/>)
- Communication Studies (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/comm-studies-conc/>)
- Computer Science (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/computer-sci-conc/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/criminology-crim-justice-conc/>)
- Cross Sector Leadership (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/cross-sector-lead-conc/>)
- Cybersecurity (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/division-continuing-studies/bachelor-multidisciplinary-studies/cybersecurity-conc/>)
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