



ADVISING WORKSHEET
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE/ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
PROGRAM OF STUDY IN PRE-NURSING
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Students interested in applying to MSU-Bozeman's Traditional BSN Program are advised to follow this program of study for a General AA/AS degree. By following this specific program of study, students will complete prerequisite courses needed for MSU's Traditional BSN Program and also complete a General AA/AS degree from MSU-Billings.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

General Education Category	Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)					
A. Mathematics (3 credits)	<i>*M 121</i>	3			
B. English (3 credits)	<i>*WRIT 101</i>	3			
C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)	<i>*COMX 111</i>	3			
D. Skills for College Success ¹ (1 credit)	COLS 108				
Category II: Natural Sciences ² (6 credits)					
A. Life Sciences (3 credits)	BIOB 101 or 121	3			
B. Physical Sciences (3 credits)	<i>*CHMY 121 & CHMY122</i>	3			
Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)					
A. Social Sciences (3 credits)	<i>*PSYX 100</i>	3			
B. History (3 credits)		3			
Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)		3			
Category V: Arts and Humanities (6 credits)					
A. Fine Arts (3 credits)		3			
B. Humanities (3 credits)		3			

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² Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information.

A minimum grade of "C-" required in all General Education courses.

Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of "C" in General Education courses.

Reviewed:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS			10 credits
Subcategory A - Mathematics			3 credits
M	121	College Algebra	3
Subcategory B - English			3 credits
WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy			3 credits
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
Subcategory D – Skills for College Success ¹			1 credit
COLS	108	The College Experience	
CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES			6 credits
Students are required to take one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences, which include lab exercises. ²			
Subcategory A – Life Sciences			
BIOB	101	Discover Biology	3
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health	3
Subcategory B – Physical Sciences			
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY			6 credits
<i>Students are required to take one course from each subcategory.</i>			
Subcategory A – Social Sciences			3 credits
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
Subcategory B - History			3 credits
HSTA	101	American History I	3
HSTA	102	American History II	3
HSTR	159	World History to 1500 CE	3
HSTR	160	Modern World History	3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations	3

CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY			3 credits
ANTY	220	Culture and Society	3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture	3
COMX	212	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues	3
LIT	230	World Literature	3
NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
REHA	201	Introduction to Diversity	3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest	3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition	3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society	3
CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES			6 credits
Subcategory A – Fine Arts			3 credits
ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-majors	3
CRWR	240	Intro Creative Writing Workshop	3
FILM	160	Introduction to World Cinema	3
LIT	270	Film & Literature	3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic	1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB	1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus	1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography	3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theatre	3
Subcategory B - Humanities			3 credits
ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding	3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
PHL	254	People and Politics	3

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³ Course includes lab exercises.

[^] Elementary Education majors can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking SCIN 101 and SCIN 103.

Course		Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
<i>BIOH 201/301</i>	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I</i>	3			
<i>BIOH 202/302</i>	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab</i>	1			
<i>BIOH 211/311</i>	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology II</i>	3			
<i>BIOH 212/312</i>	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab</i>	1			
<i>BIOM 250</i>	<i>Microbiology for Health Sciences</i>	3			
<i>BIOM 251</i>	<i>Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab</i>	1			
<i>CHMY 123</i>	<i>Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry (Spring)</i>	3			
<i>NUTR 221</i>	<i>Basic Human Nutrition</i>	3			
<i>PSYX 230</i>	<i>Developmental Psychology: Development Over the Lifespan</i>	3			
<i>STAT 216</i>	<i>Introduction to Statistics</i>	4			
<i>WRIT 201</i>	<i>College Writing II</i>	3			
Electives (minimum of 1-3 credits)					

Also required for MSU's Traditional BSN Program:

NRS 116	Nursing as a Profession (taken through MSU Bozeman)	2			
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Academic Requirements:

- Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better.
- Satisfy the General Education requirements of Montana State University-Billings.
- A minimum of 20 semester credits with 40 grade points must be earned at Montana State University-Billings.

Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education Requirements	31		
Pre-Nursing Courses	28		
Electives (may vary)	1-3		
Total	60-62		

Important notes for those planning to apply to MSU-Bozeman's BSN Program:

Montana State University-Billings offers approved prerequisite courses to pre-nursing students through an arrangement with MSU-Bozeman's College of Nursing. MSU-Billings advisors are available to students in the Pre-Nursing Program. However, students are solely responsible for meeting requirements and determining the classes that they will need for graduation and application to the MSU-Bozeman BSN Program. Pre-nursing students should contact the MSU-Bozeman academic advisors for questions specific to the BSN Program and the application process.

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MSU's Traditional BSN Program is divided into lower division and upper division coursework. Upon successful completion of the required lower division coursework, nursing students begin their upper division nursing courses and clinicals. These nursing courses can be completed at one of five BSN placement sites: Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula or Kalispell.

Acceptance into MSU's Traditional BSN Program is competitive and based on a student's holistic application score. Courses included in the prerequisite GPA are *italicized* and **bolded** above. Application for a BSN placement requires a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. However, since placement is competitive, students should strive for the best grades possible.

At least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses, including BIOH 301/302, must be underway or completed with a grade of C- or better at the time of application. The remaining courses must be successfully completed before a BSN placement begins. These courses are: BIOH 301/302, BIOH 311/312, BIOM 250/251, CHMY 121/122, and CHMY 123.

Repeat Rule: All prerequisite courses (*italicized* and **bolded**) must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Grades below C- are not acceptable, and W's count as attempts. Applicants are limited to two prerequisite attempts. This means that a student may repeat only two prerequisite courses one time to earn a grade of C- or better, *regardless of the grade earned*. An applicant can appeal this rule if the student repeated a prerequisite course more than once or repeated more than two prerequisite courses.

Professional Health Care Provider CPR Certification: Verification of American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR for infants, children, adults, and AED is required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program. Only the American Heart Association certification is approved. Online CPR courses are not acceptable.

Student Urine Drug Testing: MSU's College of Nursing requires an annual drug test for all undergraduate nursing students. The drug test must be completed at the time of application through an approved lab and annually thereafter.

Background Check Information: A background check is also required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program.

MSU College of Nursing's Application for Placement: Applications will be available through the College of Nursing's website at https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/placement.html. Clinical compliance tracking is processed through Complio MSU Compliance. The cost is \$63.95, due at the time of application.

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