



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Addiction Studies
BSC to MSU

Minot State University (MSU) and Bismarck State College (BSC) have collaborated to create a plan for students completing their Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Arts (AA) degree at BSC and enter the Addiction Studies Bachelor of Science at MSU.

Learn with us

The Bachelor of Science degree in Addiction Studies prepares students for careers as a licensed addiction counselor in the state of North Dakota. As a licensed addiction counselor, you will assess and treat substance use disorders and help clients and families improve their health, well-being, and prevent future generations from experiencing similar problems. Working one-on-one and in group sessions, you will help clients to:

- Understand addiction and develop strategies to maintain a healthy sober lifestyle
- Learn how to cope with stress and life's problems
- Rebuild relationships and reestablish careers

Students will complete their AS or AA degree from BSC and will be considered to have completed the general education program. Students transferring after graduating from BSC will only need to complete the additional MSU courses listed on this document to graduate from MSU with a B.S. in Addiction Studies. The Addiction Studies Program is offered in a blend of on-line and virtual courses for BSC students transferring to MSU who choose not to relocate to Minot.

Contact

Students considering the addiction studies program may contact Dr. Vicki Michels at Minot State at 1-800-777-0750 or 1-701-858-3594.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Graduating with an addiction studies degree requires a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the required addiction studies major courses.

Students must complete 60 credits at a four-year university and 30 credits to graduate from Minot State. Students must have 120 total credit hours to graduate with their Bachelor of Science degree from MSU.

MSU Courses	Credits
PSYC 111 Intro. to Psychology	3
PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology	3
PSY 241 Intro. to Statistics	4
PSY 255 Child and Adolescent Psychology	3
PSY 261 Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology	3
SS 283 Diversity in America	3
SOC 201 Social Problems	3
Total	25

General education prerequisites for MSU:
MHA 349 and PSY 465
BIOL 115 or BIOL 220

MSU Addiction Studies Required Courses (in addition to BSC courses listed above)

ENGL 315 Professional and Technical Writing	3
HMS 203 Health Care Through the Life Span	3
MHA 297 Practicum	2
MHA 338 Professional Relations and Ethics	3
MHA 344 Dynamics of Addiction	3
MHA 349 Psychopharmacology	3
MHA 423 Intro. to Counseling	3
MHA 424 Advanced Counseling	3
MHA 476 Group Dynamics	3
MHA 485 Practicum	15
PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging	3
PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories	3
PSY 465 Behavioral Neuroscience	3
SWK 331 Family Dynamics	3
SWK 340 Social Welfare Policy	3
Electives	6
Total	60

All courses subject to change.

BSC Courses	Credits
PSYC 111 Intro. to Psychology	3
PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology	3
MATH 210 Elementary Statistics	4
PSY 250 Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 261 Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 235 Cultural Diversity	3
SOC 115 Social Problems	3
Total	25

BIOL 115 or BIOL 220

After graduating with your Bachelor of Science from Minot State, you must complete 960 hours of training with one of the state's consortiums. The training can be undertaken during your matriculation at MSU. Once your course work is complete, you become eligible to take the licensure exam. Once you pass the license exam and successfully complete the training hours, you are eligible to become a licensed addiction counselor (LAC).

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