



AU-ABC Bachelor of General Studies Agreement

Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC) establishes partnerships between the Air Force and civilian institutions to provide Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduates advanced education opportunities at the baccalaureate level.

Minot State University has developed the following Bachelor of General Studies program plan to apply as an AU-ABC Category I program. It will link to all CCAF degrees:

- 0CYC Cybersecurity
- OCYY Computer Science Technology
- OIYY Information Systems Technology
- 1AMY Logistics
- 1AOY Human Resource Management
- 1ATY Transportation
- 1AUY Business Administration
- 1AVY Aviation Management
- 1AWY Management Engineering Technology
- 1BAA Strategic Operations Management
- 1CAM Paralegal
- 1CAO Contracts Management
- 1FRS Hospitality & Fitness Management
- 2BAC Education & Training Management
- 2CHB Music
- 2FDE Mass Communications
- 2IAA Air Traffic Operations & Management

- 2IBB Instructor of Tech & Military Science
- 2IBS Survival Instructor
- 3ALC Entomology
- 4VAB Aerospace Ground Equip Technology
- 4VAD Aviation Maintenance Technology
- 4VAK Missile & Space Systems Maintenance
- 4VAN Aircraft Structural Maint Technology
- 4VAS Air & Space Operations Technology
- 4VAT Aircrew Safety Systems Technology
- 4VCB Aviation Operations
- 4VEB Construction Technology
- 4VES Scientific Analysis Technology
- 4VGA Mechanical & Electrical Technology
- 4VHJ Nuclear Weapons Systems Technology

CCAF Programs continued ...

- 4VHP Electronic Systems Technology
- 4VHS Avionic Systems Technology
- 4VIA Microprecision Technology
- 4VJG Maintenance Production Management
- 4VJKC Vehicle Maintenance
- 4VLB Metals Technology
- 4VRA Munitions Systems Technology
- 4VRC Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- 4VRY Aircraft Armament Sys Technology
- 4VXR Nondestructive Testing Technology
- 7ABJ Nuclear Medicine Technology
- 7ECY Public Health Technology
- 7GAA Biomedical Equipment Technology
- 7GAD Dietetics & Nutrition
- 7GAE Histologic Technology
- 7GAF Medical Laboratory Technology
- 7GAH Pharmacy Technology
- 7GAI Physical Therapist Assistant
- 7GAL Practical Nursing Technology
- 7GAM Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology

- 7GAN Aerospace Physiology Technology
- 7GAP Mental Health Services
- 7GBB Dental Laboratory Technology
- 7GBC Dental Assisting
- 7GCY Health Care Management
- 7GDA Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Technology
- 7GDH Diagnostic Imaging Technology
- 7GDI Ophthalmic Technician
- 7GDK Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- 7GDP Personnel Recovery
- 7GEA Surgical Services Technology
- 8FYY Meteorology
- 9DHK Aerospace Historian
- 9GEC Financial Management
- 9IFY Fire Science
- 9IIY Occupational Safety
- 9IJY Criminal Justice
- 9IKY Human Services
- 9IMY Emergency Management
- 9INZ Intelligence Studies & Technology



Bachelor of General Studies Program Plan File (PPF) Category 1

Degree Requirement	Required Semester Credits	CCAF Transfer Credits	Minot State Course Credits
CCAF Transfer Credit	48	48	
Bachelor of General Studies Requirements	40		40
300-400 level course work	39		39
INT 480 General Studies Capstone ¹	1		1
General Education: Foundational Content	19	6	13
FC1 Humanities	3	3	
FC1 Humanities	3		3
FC2 Lab Science	4		4
FC3 Social Science	3	3	
FC3 Social Science	3		3
FC3 History	3		3
General Education: Required Core	13	6	7
ENGL 110	3	3	
ENGL 120	3		3
COMM 110	3	3	
Mathematics ²	4		4
Total Credits Required ³	120	60	60

Special Notes:

¹For students in the AU-ABC Bachelor of General Studies program plan, INT 480 may be counted as part of the 300-400 level course work requirement.

²A Math course may be transferred if it is College Algebra or higher level.

³Students must take 30 credits from Minot State University and 60 credits from a 4-year institution.

Additional Degree Requirements

- A Bachelor of General Studies degree may not be earned in combination with another degree/major.
- Students may declare a minor (or minors), but not concentrations.
- A minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average is required.

Additional Notes:

- The General Education Developmental Content requirements are waived.
- Students in this AU-ABC Bachelor of General Studies program are required to complete 32 credits of the 36 credits of General Education Requirements.
- Students may not substitute 100-200 level courses for 300-400 level courses.
- Transfer courses taken at the 300-400 level count towards the upper-level credit requirement.
- Transfer courses taken as a lower-level course will only count toward the upper-level credit requirement if the transfer course is equivalent to an upper-level Minot State course. A course equivalency form must be on file with the Registrar's Office.
- A maximum of six credits of internship course work may be applied to the upper-level credit requirement.

AU-ABC Application Requirements

- 1. Confirm that your school has signed the Department of Defense (DoD) Memorandum of Understanding, agree to the DoD Instruction 1322.25 and will operate the AU-ABC program in accordance with both documents.
 - Minot State University has signed the Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding. We agree to the DoD Instruction 1322.25 and will operate the AU-ABC program in accordance with both documents.
- 2. AU-ABC Partner schools must be regionally accredited or accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission. State your school's accreditation status, accrediting body and academic mission.

Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Mission

Minot State University is a public university dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life.

- 3. Confirm your school's residency requirement is no more than 25% of the degree requirement and that there is no final year or semester residency requirement.

 Our program does not require an on-campus residency.
- 4. Describe the course delivery methods used by your school that will be employed in the proposed AU-ABC program. List program related online services and other support that will be provided to students. Examples include student advisement, library and learning resources, delivery of course materials, online student services and technical support. Our online program delivers all of our courses asynchronously which means that students are not be required to be online at a certain day and time each week.

Once admitted as degree-seeking students, students will complete an online orientation which explains our policies and procedures and teaches them how to use our online learning management system, Blackboard. They will also meet with a department advisor to explain the degree requirements and complete a program plan.

All online course materials are available through an online course shell in Blackboard and all coursework will be submitted online. Academic assistance is available at a distance through our Writing Center and Smarthinking, an online tutoring service. The Gordon B. Olson Library provides off-campus access to library databases, reference services, and interlibrary loan. Our Information Technology Central (ITC) office provides remote technical support through a variety of tools.

5. **Indicate which AU-ABC Category (I, II, or III) the proposed AU-ABC program will participate:** This will be a Category I program.

Category I - Programs designed for Airmen with a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) associate in applied science (AAS) degree. These CCAF graduates are guaranteed that no more than 60 semester hours of additional credit will be required to complete a baccalaureate degree.

6. Confirm that your school will create an AU-ABC landing page.

We will create an AU-ABC landing page with the following required items:

- AU-ABC logo and heading (logo will be provided)
- Online academic services and support
- Application and enrollment information
- Cost of tuition and fees
- Course schedule (if available)
- Point-of-contact
- AU-ABC Program Plan File (PPF)
- 7. Confirm that the AU-ABC program is an established program and is listed in the current school catalog. Provide a link to your current school catalog.

Our Bachelor of General Studies is an established program and is listed in our current catalog.

<u>Undergraduate Catalog - Bachelor of General Studies</u>

- 8. Agree to notify AU-ABC Program Manager in writing of intent to withdraw from the program, AU-ABC degree program discontinuation, change to school accreditation status and all changes to AU-ABC programs or degree requirements; and to resubmit new AU-ABC program applications for AU-ABC programs that undergo catalog changes and/or degree requirement changes.
 - Minot State will notify the AU-ABC Program Management of any change in the program or our accreditation status. We will submit a new application if the program has any catalog changes or degree requirement changes.
- 9. Describe the purpose and requirements of your school's baccalaureate degree program. Explain how the baccalaureate's coursework and the CCAF AAS coursework create a coherent course of study.

This generalist's degree program is designed for students whose educational objectives are not aligned with a more traditional degree program. It offers a flexible, individualized curricula leading to a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree.

Students in this degree completion program fulfill minimum credit requirements through the completion of the CCAF technical education and program electives. Credits completed for the CCAF general education help students complete Minot State's general education requirements. An additional 40 credits of upper division courses build upon the knowledge and experience gained during the CCAF degree. The courses chosen vary depending on the student, as the nature of this degree allows students great flexibility in designing their course of study to meet their individual needs. The broad guidelines still demand a rigorous program of study and the completion of a capstone course offers students an opportunity to reflect on their degree experience and prepare for the future.

10. Explain and comment on the baccalaureate degree program's specific education outcomes. State the assessment process your school uses to measure the degree's educational outcomes.

Student Learning Goal (SLG)	Student Learning Outcome (SLO)
SLG 1: The graduate will possess a well-rounded and comprehensive knowledge base in one or more content areas.	SLO 1: The candidate will integrate knowledge across disciplines.
	SLO 2: The candidate will apply fundamental academic skills of their area(s) of study.
	SLO 3: The candidate will utilize professional written and oral communication skills.
	SLO 4: The candidate will describe how the knowledge and competencies gained through coursework will contribute to success in the workplace or graduate school.

The General Studies Bachelor's degree (BGS) uses an assessment process that is used by all academic programs at Minot State University to a) ensure learning outcomes are being met, and b) assist programs in using data to improve learning (closing the loop). Every fall the BGS committee and advisor produce an assessment report containing learning outcomes, data sources, data, identification of data-driven changes to the program, and budget priorities based on the necessary change. The BGS committee and the BGS advisor are also responsible for considering its findings, determining what changes recommended on the report can or should be implemented.

11. Confirm that a degree contract will be offered to every student who enrolls in the AU-ABC program. Once completed, this document becomes the binding contract between your school and the student. Attach an example of the degree contract.

An academic advisor will complete the attached advising plan for each student who enrolls in the AU-ABC program. Once completed, this document will be a binding contract between Minot State University and the student. [Please see Appendix I for the AU-ABC General Studies Advising Plan.]

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Appendix I - Advising Plan

Student:	EMPLID:		
CCAF Degree:	Completion Date:	Completion Date:	
	Semester at MSU	Course Credits	
300-400 Level Courses (40 credits)			
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General Education: Foundational Content (19 credits			
FC1 Humanities			
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FC3 Social Science			
FC3 Social Science			
FC3 History			
General Education: Required Core (13 credits)			
ENGL 110			
ENGL 120			
COMM 110			
Mathematics			
CCAF Transfer Credits			
Total Credits Required (120 credits)			

Cumulative GPA:

Credits from Minot State:

Credits from 4-year institution:

^{*} This plan is designed to be used along with the agreed degree plan. For each student, the number of transfer credits for electives as well as the transferability of the Mathematics course may be different. Thus, the exact number of the semester hours and the names of the courses that will be taken at MSU will be determined at the beginning of the program.