

UW-Stevens Point offers six distinct baccalaureate degrees and an associate's degree. Below, each degree is generally defined. The requirements for the associate's degree are the same for all students at UW-Stevens Point. For baccalaureate degrees, individual academic programs have the flexibility to determine which degrees are offered through their major and the specific requirements. Academic programs have the responsibility to do so within the framework of the general definitions below and in support of UW-Stevens Point's general education mission to equip you with the knowledge and skills to facilitate intellectual and personal growth, pursue your advanced studies, and improve the world in which you live.

The requirements below are common to all baccalaureate degrees at UW-Stevens Point:

- Complete the General Education Program (GEP) requirements
- Complete the requirements of a major
- Earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Stevens Point
- Earn at least 40 credits at the 300 level or above
- Earn a minimum of 120 credits
- Earn a minimum 2.0 gpa in credits attempted at UW-Stevens Point
- Earn a minimum 2.0 gpa overall, including both UW-Stevens Point and transfer credits

Each academic program will build on the foundation provided by the General Education Program by developing its own mission, goals, and program learning outcomes. In doing so, programs will comply with the following degree requirements, which must be assessed within each major:

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The BA is a liberal arts degree intended to develop skills and talents essential to succeeding in a global society. It combines study of the arts, humanities, historical perspectives, and the natural and social sciences with advanced critical inquiry and an in-depth knowledge in an academic discipline (major). The program develops cultural, social, and political literacy, including the abilities to communicate effectively and clearly in writing and in speech, and to understand on a basic level a world language other than one's own.* In so doing, it fosters the ability to understand and actively participate in discourses both within and beyond the field of your major (such as a minor or second major), and it promotes engagement with cultural, social, and political difference.

* A two-semester sequence of university entry level world language courses (101, 102) is required. The requirement may be fulfilled through equivalent coursework or other language acquisition as demonstrated through a test out policy (including Native American languages and American Sign Language). If your native language is not English and you can document formal high school or university study of your native language, then you may use ENGL 101 and ENGL 202, or ENGL 150 as a means of fulfilling this foreign language requirement.

Bachelor of Science (BS)

The BS is a liberal arts degree intended to develop skills and talents essential to professional work. It combines study of the arts, humanities, historical perspectives, and the natural and social sciences with advanced critical inquiry and an in-depth knowledge in a specific academic discipline (major). The program develops an understanding of empirical analysis, scientific methodology and protocols, and mathematics and quantitative techniques. In so doing, it equips you for continued engagement in professional research within your chosen field.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and Bachelor of Music (BM)

The BFA and BM are professional degrees focusing intensive study and practice in the fine arts, performing arts, and design fields through a specific academic discipline (major). Essential artistic and

intellectual development is achieved through building practical experience, repertoire, and mastery within the chosen discipline and through critical inquiry into cultural, historical, and technical aspects relevant to the defined profession. Standards for the BFA and BM are established by national accreditation agencies and implemented in the major at the department level.

Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAS)

The BAS is a liberal arts degree completion program intended to develop skills and talents essential to succeeding in a global society*. The BAS program of study provides a four-year degree option for adult students to pursue advanced career opportunities and thereby strengthen the communities in which they work and live. The BAS curriculum combines advanced coursework in communication and leadership with study of the arts, humanities, historical perspectives, and the natural and social sciences. The program develops cultural, social, and political literacy, and builds the abilities to communicate effectively in writing and in speech and to exercise leadership skills.

*If you're entering the BAS program you must have completed an Applied Associate degree from a Technical College. The BAS requires completion of at least 120 credit hours, and up to 72 credits may be awarded for coursework previously completed for the Applied Associate degree. Once enrolled in the BAS program, you will also be required to complete the General Education Program (GEP) requirements. Many of the courses required for the BAS will also satisfy the GEP requirements.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The BSN provides a baccalaureate degree option for nursing professionals who are currently licensed in the State of Wisconsin to explore a greater variety of professional roles and responsibilities. At UW-Stevens Point, this degree program is a degree completion program for registered nurses who possess an Associate or Diploma Degree from a nationally accredited nursing program. The BSN degree requires completion of General Education Program (GEP) requirements and additional coursework in nursing and related disciplines.

Relationship Between General Education Program and Degree Types

The General Education Program (GEP) applies to all students regardless of degree type (BA, BS, BM, BFA, BAS, and BSN). In addition to the GEP, there are degree requirements for the BA, BS, BM, BFA, BAS, and BSN which have been integrated into majors. See the [General Education Program](#) section in this Catalog.