

BLAKE SIMON & ASSOCIATES PRESENTS



THE TRANSITION

ACADEMIC PLAN

DEGREE PLANS,
COURSE TYPES, & GPA



DEGREE TYPES

HOW FAR DO YOU WANT (NEED) TO GO?

Associate Degree

typically 60 credit hours required

Bachelor's Degree

typically 120 credit hours required

Graduate (Master's) Degree

typically 36-54 credit hours required

Doctoral Degree

typically 90-120 credit hours required



Degree Plan: The required coursework necessary to graduate. Your degree plan details what classes you will take and when.

COURSE TYPES

CLASSES YOU WILL TAKE

Basic Core courses are typically required regardless of major. These courses may include English, Math, History, or Government.

Major Core courses are directly related to the major. Example, a student majoring in Business Management may be required to take major courses such as Principles of Finance.

Elective courses aren't directly related to your major, but may be required for your degree plan. More free will to choose an alternative course of interest.



EXAMPLE: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAJOR (FRESHMAN)

Course Title and #	Credit Earned	Course Type	Notes
English I 1000	3	Basic Core	Take ENG II in Spring
Algebra I 1200	3	Basic Core	n/a
Theatre Arts 3000	3	Arts Elective	1 Arts left
Intro to Business 2000	3	Major Core	n/a
History I 1500	3	Basic Core	Take HIST II in spring
SEMESTER CREDITS: 15		HOURS TO GRADUATE: 105 (120 total)	

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

CALCULATING GPA

A **grade point average (GPA)** is a number representing the average value of the accumulated final grades earned in courses each semester and over time.

Grading Percentages

A = 100- 90	4 points per semester hour
B = 89 - 80:	3 points per semester hour
C = 79 - 70:	2 points per semester hour
D = 69 - 60:	1 point per semester hour
F = 59 and below	0 points per semester hour
W (Withdrawn)	0 points per semester hour
I (Incomplete)	0 points per semester hour

Course	Grade	Points Earned
Algebra	C	2
History	B	3
English	A	4
Intro to Business	B	3
Biology	D	1

13 Total hours earned

= 2.6 GPA

5 Total classes/grade attempts

PHASE IV EXERCISE

Section II Exercise (from The Transition Guide & Journal 3rd. ed.)

Exercise 4: Plan Your Next 2 Semesters pg. 70