# Utah Valley University's Academic Program Inventory
## 2024-2025 Academic Year

**Overview of UVU's Academic Program Inventory**
UVU's Academic Program Inventory provides a comprehensive list of all currently active academic programs that have received final approval from both the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). It encompasses academic programs offered by each department and school/college, detailing program type, program title, Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code, program description, and program learning outcomes. The inventory also identifies academic programs that hold professional licensure or specialized accreditation.

According to UVU policy, an academic program is defined as a curated selection of courses leading to the attainment of a certificate, degree or other credential, indicating a level of educational achievement. Minors and emphases are included in UVU's Academic Program Inventory but are not considered standalone academic awards or programs.

**Academic Programs Offered at UVU**
Based on its role as a regional university, UVU offers the following academic programs:

Academic Undergraduate Certificates
- Certificate of Completion
- Certificate of Proficiency

Associate Degrees
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Specialized associate degrees

Bachelor's Degrees
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)
- Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAP)

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Multidisciplinary and general studies bachelor's degrees

Post-Bachelor's Certificates
- Graduate Certificate

Master's Degrees
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Professional master's degrees

UVU's Academic Program Inventory is overseen by the Office of Accreditation and Academic Assessment, which is updated annually and published on the office's website. As the academic year progresses, new programs may be introduced while existing ones could be suspended or discontinued.

**Methodology for Tabulating Academic Programs**
The inventory publication tabulates programs by their academic program type according to the following specific rules:

Rule #1: An emphasis is a concentration area within a degree program. For instance, within the College of Science:

- The Department of Mathematics offers a Bachelor of Science degree with three different emphasis areas: Actuarial Science, Applied Mathematics, and Mathematics. These are considered as one distinct program.

Rule #2: An AA and an AS within the same academic program must have identical total credit requirements, with the only distinction being that an AA includes foreign language credits. For example, from the School of Arts:
- The Art and Design Department offers both an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science in Art and Design. These are counted as one distinct program.
- Additionally, the Department offers an Associate of Applied Science in Art and Design with three emphasis areas: Design/Illustration, Graphic Design, and Photography. These are counted as a separate distinct program from the Associate of Arts/Science in Art and Design.

Rule #3: A BA and a BS within the same program must have the same total number of credits. The BA typically includes a 16-credit language requirement, whereas the BS substitutes these with 16 additional elective credits. The specifics of the electives depend on the degree's requirement to reach a total of 40 upper-division credits (a standard for all bachelor's degree programs). For example, within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences:
- History and Political Science Department offers a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, each with six emphasis areas: American Government, Global Politics, Indian Affairs Administration, Peace and Justice Studies, Public Administration and Public Policy, and Public Law and Political Philosophy. These are considered as one distinct program.

**References**
Curriculum Office:
- Curriculum Procedures
- Guidelines
- Resources

USHE Policies:
- R401, Approval and Modification of Instructional Programs and Administrative Units within Institutional Role, Mission, and Designated Service Region (amended July 12, 2024)
- R402, Certificate and Degree Award Structures (adopted June 6, 2024)
- R470, General Education (amended June 6, 2024)
- R470 Appendix, Essential Learning Outcomes (adopted December 1, 2023)
- R471, Lower Division Major Requirements and Transfer of Credits (adopted December 1, 2023)

UVU Policies:
- UVU Policy 605, Curriculum Process (approved June 25, 2020)
- UVU Policy 610 Credit Hour (approved January 12, 2017)