

Definition of Bachelor Degrees, Subject Codes, and General Education Codes

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Bachelor Degrees

The purpose of defining different types of bachelor degrees is:

1. To guide the development of new programs of study, and
2. To support students in applying to graduate schools by using degree types that are familiar to other colleges and universities.

Bachelor degree – A degree awarded upon completion of a program of study consisting of a minimum of 180 credits that focuses on a particular field of study. A bachelor degree is also called a baccalaureate degree.

Bachelor of Science degree (B.S. or BS) – A bachelor degree in the natural or physical sciences.

Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A. or BA) – A bachelor degree in a field of study other than the natural or physical sciences, which may include multiple fields of study not primarily in the natural or physical sciences.

Subject Code – The four letter code preceding the course number which designates a course's subject area. Examples include: Business (BUAD), English (ENGL), and Human Development (HMDV). The subject code has previously been called the department code. The existence of a particular subject code does not necessarily indicate that NWIC has an academic department in that area nor does it necessarily indicate that NWIC offers a degree in that subject area.

General Education Code – A designator attached to a course that indicates which general education requirements may be fulfilled by the course. Descriptions and abbreviations for the currently available general education codes at NWIC are provided in the Curriculum Committee General Education Guidelines document available on the NWIC Curriculum Committee website. Only courses numbered between 100 and 299 are given general education codes as general education requirements are expected to be fulfilled in the first two years of a college education.