

# BA/BS Task Force Summary of Recommendations

From the NWCCU degree glossary:

- *The BA degree implies a more liberal education orientation*
  - Given WOU's identity and mission as a liberal arts institution to which our General Education Learning Outcomes align, programs may choose to default to meeting BA requirements
  - Programs have agency in building their requirements to best meet the needs of students
  
- *The BS degree implies a more applied educational orientation*
  - Some programs have been designed to emphasize practical and applied skills. These programs can request a BS by providing evidence for courses that:
    - i. impart discipline-specific tools and models for problem solving
    - ii. build competence in skills used in practice
    - iii. are clearly tied to a specific or identifiable industry, career or field of work
  
- Program articulation to BS is a one-time process for existing programs coupled with whatever 90-credit program review process is established at WOU.
  - Programs wishing to offer **both** BA and BS options will articulate, using the same criteria, how the BS is different from the BA.
  - Subsequent program revisions or new programs will go through the established curriculum process.
  
- For programs requiring second-language proficiency above 103 (either BA or BS) if the desired proficiency has the potential of bumping the major's credits above 90, they can have up to 12 over 90.