

# A.S. INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

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The Associate of Science degree (A.S.) contains a balanced program of liberal arts education in combination with a concentrated focus in a business major or an individualized major. Requirements for the degree (60 semester credit hours in total) include 30 semester credits of general education courses and 30 semester credits of major courses. These requirements can usually be met in two years of full-time study.

## Program Outcomes:

Upon completion of the Associate Degree programs at Bethel students will:

1. Communicate effectively using written, oral and technological methods of communication.
2. Articulate an ethical response to issues using a personal worldview.
3. Apply problem solving across disciplines through critical thinking, quantitative, and qualitative skills.
4. Describe ways humans address their condition through imaginative work (Art, Literature, Media, etc.).
5. Illustrate aspects of their personal and professional well-being (Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Cognitive, Relational, and Meaning).
6. Analyze aspects of the world through a Christian view.

## Admission Requirements

Individualized (A.S.) majors will consider applicants who:

- Meet the general requirements (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/admission/general-requirements-admission-caps/>) for admission to the College of Adult & Professional Studies.
- Have an evaluation completed to determine how outstanding course requirements or needed credits, if any, will be fulfilled.
- Have a major approved that is created from at least 30 credits within a single academic discipline.

Students who have not achieved the minimum GPA, grade standards, or other assessment criteria may still apply to be considered for provisional acceptance. See *Admission Categories*.

## Degree Requirements

### Associate of Science Individualized Major

The individualized major is an alternative that allows A.S. students to replace the Business major by creating a major from at least 30 credits of selected courses pre-approved courses by the AA/AS Program Director or courses within a single academic discipline that is more directly applicable to their individual educational and/or career goals, and 30 credits from the goal areas as defined for the Associate of Science degree (listed below). Consult a CAPS Student Success Advisor to learn more.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Education (See below for more details)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Goal Area 1: including an Academic Research Writing course		8
Goal Area 2		2
Goal Area 3		4
Goal Area 4		3-4
Goal Area 5		4

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Goal Area 6	8
<b>General Education Total</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Selected courses pre-approved by the AA/AS Program Director or courses of a single academic discipline</b>	<b>30</b>
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

The listed courses for each Goal area can be found in the CAPS Courses by Goal Area page. (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/general-education/caps-courses-by-goal-area/>)