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Subject area, content and the number of units required to complete the degree are determining factors in the distinction between the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

The B.S. may be an appropriate degree for any field that is clearly scientific, technical or professional and in which the required unit load limits electives outside the major and/or precludes a minor. Majors leading to the B.S. generally require more science, technology or professional training than those leading to the B.A. A major leading to the B.S. is generally more specialized than the B.A.

If a licensing or accrediting agency governing a given field makes a distinction between the B.A. and the B.S. or requires a higher number of units than those normally required of the B.A., the B.S. will be the appropriate degree.

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