College of Arts and Sciences Academic Programs

Three types of academic programs offered by Evangel University are majors, concentrations, and minors. Various combinations of these programs satisfy the requirements for a bachelor degree. A comprehensive major, which includes minor requirements within its structure, is offered in Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Athletic Training, Biological Chemistry, Biology Education, Business Education, Chemistry Education, Children's Ministries, Church Leadership, Communication Arts Education, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care/Nursing, Language Arts Education, Management, Marketing, Mathematics Education, Medical Technology, Music Education, Music Performance, Preaching, Social Work, Worship Leadership, and Youth Ministries

(See College of Online Learning Catalog section for information on other undergraduate programs offered by the University.)

Major. A "major" refers to the academic discipline in which the student's primary work is completed. An academic major usually requires a minimum of 30 semester credits of course work.

Concentration. A "concentration" usually requires 24 semester credits and involves a planned series of courses designed to meet a student's individual needs. One such program would prepare him or her for graduate study in an area where a major is not offered. Another might satisfy a special goal clearly articulated by the student.

Minor. A "minor" usually consists of 18 semester credits in a second area of interest where studies are not as in depth as in a major.

Concentrations and minors offer opportunities for a student to design an interdisciplinary program. Such a program is designed in consultation with a faculty advisor to meet the needs of the individual. A student may complete two concentrations in related disciplines or one concentration and two related minors. (Each such program is subject to approval by the Academic Council.) Interdisciplinary programs are frequently used by students who are interested in languages, religion, psychology, social studies, and general science.

Second Baccalaureate Degree from Evangel University

A second bachelor's degree may be awarded to a student who fulfills the following requirements: 1) the degrees must be of two distinct types (for example, BA and BS or BFA and BBA); 2) the second degree program must meet all degree requirements and include at least 30 credit hours; 3) the credit hours from the two degree programs must total at least 154 hours; 4) the hours for the second degree program must be taken in residency at Evangel University.

Accelerated Master Program

Missouri State University collaborates with Evangel University to make the Missouri State University Accelerated Master option available to Evangel University students. This program provides an opportunity for outstanding Evangel undergraduate students to begin taking graduate course work at MSU in their junior or senior years, thus combining components of the undergraduate and graduate curriculum.

Depending on the program, a maximum of 12 hours of graduate credits at MSU will apply toward the completion of the undergraduate degree requirements at Evangel. Contingent upon continued eligibility for admission, Evangel students accepted into the Accelerated Master option will be fully admitted into the MSU master's degree program upon completion of the undergraduate program at Evangel.

Graduate programs at MSU offering the Accelerated option include programs in business, science, and mathematics. Evangel undergraduates interested in the Accelerated Master opportunity should contact the Evangel Office of Academic Affairs (417-865-2815, extension 7306) to determine requirements and procedures.

Pre-Professional Programs

Students may qualify for admission to professional schools, such as Medicine, Dentistry, and Law, by pursuing a 4-year degree program at EU. For some professional programs, such as Engineering, the student may complete one or two years at Evangel University and then transfer to the appropriate professional school. Students enrolling under the *Three-Two Engineering Program* (see the Science and Technology Section of this catalog) must complete three years at Evangel University before transferring to the Three-Two affiliate university. The Three-Two program qualifies as a comprehensive major. For more information regarding pre-professional programs, a student should contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs or the Department Chair.

Interdisciplinary Major Program

Evangel offers students the opportunity to design an individualized, interdisciplinary program of study tailored to fit their specific interests when an existing major at Evangel does not meet career goals. Undergraduates who have completed a minimum of 30 credits in the College of Arts and Sciences and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 may apply to this program. Students should apply prior to registering for their last 30 credits; typically, that means students must apply by February of their junior year. To graduate from the program, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the major fields of study. Transcripts for students graduating with an Individualized, Interdisciplinary degree will be noted with the specific title of the degree.

A minimum of 124 semester credits, including the Core Curriculum requirements for the BS or BA degrees. At least 36 credits must be upper-division 300-400 courses. Courses must come from a minimum of two and a maximum of four academic departments, and may include internships, fieldwork, service learning or study abroad credit. No more than six credits may be independent study/ research. Students interested in this degree program should contact the <u>Student Center for Success</u>.