

MUS SPRINT DEGREES

ACCELERATED, HIGH-QUALITY DEGREE PATHWAYS THAT DRIVE RAPID WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN HIGH DEMAND, HIGH SKILL, HIGH WAGE SECTORS OF MONTANA'S ECONOMY



KEY PRIORITIES

Intentional workforce development:
Removes the multiple degree options for students and provides a clear degree pathway to career

Industry Partnership:
Intentional connection with state workforce and industry needs. Industry partners are essential in curriculum development, securing internships and providing long-term pathways for careers.

Link between value of degree and cost of degree:
Tuition is too high perception vs. future wages/future career availability

Restructuring of degree timeline:
Time to completion, schedule of courses, flexibility with course delivery

DESIGN

Sprint Degrees offer a shortened time to degree completion. This is made possible through year-round scheduling, full-time course loads, and pre-mapped degree requirements.

1+ years
ASSOCIATE
DEGREE

2+ years
BACHELOR'S
DEGREE

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Due to the completion promise and industry partnership commitments of Sprint Degrees, students, campuses, and industry engage in partnership agreements.

Students: Take and pass all mapped coursework, complete all required financial aid paperwork, meet with assigned advisor

Colleges: Design sprint curriculum, provide priority advising and registration, collaborate with industry partners

Industry: Prioritize necessary work-based learning experiences that allow for accelerated completion

AUDIENCE

Sprint degrees are for all students who want a more structured higher education experience that allows for faster completion, flexible learning and direct ties to in-demand, high-quality future careers.

STUDENTS SAY

47%

agree that a degree program that can be completed in a shorter time makes sense

64%

say making college less expensive is the #1 thing they would change

40%

believe building direct connections to a future career is the most important part of college

63%

want more postsecondary options

SUPPORTING MONTANA

RESIDENT STUDENT ACCESS

Designed to attract a segment of students that are academically ready, career focused and want streamlined options

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Produces skilled graduates quickly to support Montana's highest demand sectors

INNOVATION & EFFICIENCY

Creates new, intentional, and innovative ways to make good on higher education's value promise

DEGREES

Sprint Degrees will be designed in our interest of providing high-quality workforce training and driven by our commitment to meet workforce needs in high-demand and emerging fields.

Therefore the portfolio of Sprint Degrees is flexible in adding and removing programs over time, as we look to meet Montana's ever-evolving economic needs.

High Quality Pathways

In-Demand Fields

Reliable, High-Wage Jobs

TIMELINE



MONTANA
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM