

ITEM 117-1501-R1102

Memorandum

To: Joyce Scott, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education

From: Susan Patton, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Research

CC: Doug Abbott, Dean HSSIT

Date: September 5, 2002

Re: Level II Request for Business-BAS in Helena

Montana Tech currently offers the Bachelor of Science in Business and Information Technology in Helena as approved by the Board of Regents in March 22, 2001. Enrollment in the courses has steadily increased from 10 in the fall of 2001, 22 in spring of 2002, and 34 in summer 2002. Students take the articulated coursework from the Helena College of Technology and complete the degree requirements through cohort offerings in Helena by Montana Tech faculty. Two courses per semester are delivered in Helena.

Montana Tech offers the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in 3 areas: Technical Communication, Biology and Business. The BAS degree is designed for students who have earned an associate of applied science degree at a two-year institution and who wish to move into a baccalaureate program. A 54-credit block transfer into the BAS is possible for students with the AAS.

If while completing an AAS degree from the Helena College of Technology, a student completes any undergraduate level or articulated technology level course required within the Montana Tech BAS-Business Option degree program, those credits, plus the block transfer credits can be applied towards the BAS-Business Option requirements. A maximum of 60 credits of coursework from the AAS degree can be applied to the BAS-Business Option degree requirements.

The upper division business courses offered as part of the Montana Tech Helena -BIT program apply to the Montana Tech BAS-Business Option as well. In addition to the 54 credit block transfer, the additional coursework required includes 15 credits of upper division electives, 30 credits of General Education Core, and one option of 21 credits in General Business, or Management Technician.

Attached to this memo are the curriculums for the BAS-Business Option and the BIT.