

Montana University System New Academic Program Proposal Summary

Campus: The University of Montana-Helena COT	Item Number: 119-1903-R0503
Program Title: Associate of Arts Degree	Date: May 29-30, 2003

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

This proposed AA degree supports the UM-H academic mission by promoting lifelong educational goals of learners and increasing the accessibility of higher education to the people of the Helena community and surrounding area.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

An AA degree at UM-H would fit the goals and objectives of the Board of Regents by providing "a high quality, affordable higher education experience available to all qualified citizens who wish to further their education and training" and by increasing the accessibility of higher education to Helena.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

This program will increase the opportunities of UM-H students to start their college bachelor degree in Helena and transfer all or a portion of their first two years to a four-year college.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

A college transfer AA degree in Helena will make higher education more available to the citizens of Helena and the surrounding area and help increase the educational levels of Montana's citizens.

5. What is the Program's planned capacity? 20 FTE

Enrollments/year? FY04: 15 FY05: 10 FY06: 20

Graduates/year? FY04: 00 FY05: 5 FY06: 12

6. Resource Allocation

Total program budget? \$ (three year startup)

Faculty FTE? (FT & Adjunct)

Staff FTE?

How will the campus fund the program?

Through the UM-H General Fund.