

Montana University System New Academic Program Proposal Summary

Campus: MSU-Great Falls College of Technology

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Program Title: Associate of Arts Degree

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

This proposed AA degree supports the mission of MSU-Great Falls College of Technology by providing greater access to transfer course work and degrees in the Great Falls area and improving job-related proficiencies of prospective employees.

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

An AA degree at MSU-GF aligns with 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 in the Great Falls area.

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

Montana's primary educational interest, as expressed in Article X of the Montana Constitution, is to "develop the full educational potential of each person." An Associate of Arts degree provides Montana citizens in the Great Falls area with an affordable, accessible opportunity to develop their potential in the humanities, fine arts, and social studies. Once developed, this capacity can be immediately applied to the tasks of work and citizenship, or it can be developed further through the completion of a bachelor's degree. MSU--Great Falls College of Technology is the only two-year college in the state that does not provide this opportunity to its students.

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

The level of postsecondary degree attainment has been shown to correlate positively with income level. A college transfer AA degree in Great Falls will make the attainment of a college degree more accessible and more affordable in the Great Falls area, producing higher income levels for AA graduates and providing a significant step toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree, producing even higher income levels.

5. What is the Program's planned capacity? 50 FTE

Enrollments/year?	FY05: 10	FY06: 20	FY07: 40
Graduates/year?	FY05: 00	FY06: 5	FY07: 16

6. Resource Allocation

Does this program require new resources? Amount?

The AA degree can be provided without additional resources. All of the courses in the degree are currently offered by the College. However, the College has allocated additional resources to ensure proper support for program growth.

Program Promotion	\$ 5,000
Library Acquisitions:	\$10,000
Art Classroom Remodeling:	\$10,000
<u>Additional Faculty FTE</u>	<u>\$47,150</u>
TOTAL	\$72,150

Faculty FTE? 1.0 additional FTE (FY05)
Staff FTE? None

How will the campus fund the program?

Through the MSU--GF General Fund and MSU sustainability funds.

If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.

None needed.