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Introduction to the Bachelor of Innovation Degree

The Bachelor of Innovation (BI) program at UCCS offers a fully accredited alternative to the traditional Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees. Its primary mission revolves around identifying societal needs and creating innovative solutions that will influence the future. The program is committed to the innovation process by providing accessible education, fostering collaboration, and offering comprehensive support to all students.

The BI program empowers aspiring innovators by presenting them with a wide array of opportunities to turn their creative ideas into tangible, real-world impact. A few of the unique elective classes students in the BI program take are the TEAMS classes.

Within these classes, Students are placed in cross-disciplinary multi-functional teams that work with individuals, small businesses, corporations, and non-profit organizations to accomplish tasks and projects that may be difficult for the client to do on their own. There are three sections within the TEAMS courses: 2010, 3010 and 4010. Students must take the Teams course 3 times, each time corresponding with a different role in the team, which the course numbers represent. When students take the class for the first time, they are a 2010. These students focus on learning and expanding their knowledge regarding the client structure. Additionally, they help along with any tasks they may have skills in. 3010s are familiar working with clients, and therefore focus most of their time on completing the projects with their unique skill sets. Lastly 4010s, these are the leaders of the group, they organize and orchestrate the team in order to be effective when working with the clients. Additionally, these students also contribute more specialized skills as they are seniors in their degree paths.

For clients to be selected to receive a student team, they must submit an application to the BI Program, outlining a specific project/s they would like to collaborate on with students. These applicants then go through a strict selection process, run by faculty, to determine which clients will receive a team.