Bachelor of Applied Studies

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**Undergraduate degree:** Bachelor of Applied Studies (B.A.S.)
**Web site:** http://distance.uiowa.edu/bas

**Undergraduate Program of Study**
• Bachelor of Applied Studies

The Bachelor of Applied Studies (B.A.S.) is designed for graduates of community colleges who wish to complete a bachelor's degree by distance education. The B.A.S. is a general undergraduate degree without a traditional academic major, but students have the option to include a certificate or an emphasis area in their program or to design an individual program. B.A.S. students may not earn minors.

Working with their academic advisors, B.A.S. students may plan programs designed to advance their careers, begin new careers, or prepare for graduate or professional study. Students who have specific career goals or advanced degree programs in mind should learn what educational background they will need in order to achieve their goals, and they should include appropriate course work in their B.A.S. programs.

Students may earn credit toward the degree through several types of courses, including web-based guided independent study courses, semester-based online courses, extension courses at sites throughout Iowa, and regular session courses.

Individuals interested in applying to the B.A.S. program should hold an A.A.A, an A.A.S., an A.A., or an A.S. degree; see "Admission" below for more detailed admission requirements.

The B.A.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education.

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The Bachelor of Applied Studies requires a minimum of 120 s.h. and is intended to be completed entirely by distance education. Students must earn at least 30 s.h. of credit toward the degree in University of Iowa courses after admission to the B.A.S. program. They must earn at least 60 s.h. of the minimum 120 s.h. at four-year colleges, including 45 s.h. in upper-level courses.

University of Iowa upper-level courses are numbered between 3000 and 4999. Some courses numbered below 3000 may be considered upper level for the B.A.S.; for a list of these courses, refer to Upper-Level Requirements on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

Students also must complete the following core requirements and a set of distribution areas; see BAS Core Requirements and Distribution Areas on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site for more information.

**CORE REQUIREMENTS**
- Rhetoric course work equivalent to composition II and speech
- Quantitative or formal reasoning—3 s.h.
- Social sciences—3 s.h.
- Values, society, and diversity—3 s.h.
- Business/management—6 s.h.

**DISTRIBUTION AREAS**

Students must complete 12 s.h. in three of the following five distribution areas (total of 36 s.h.). In each distribution area, 6 of the required 12 s.h. must be earned in upper-level courses.

- Communication and arts (e.g., journalism, speech, drama, art, music)
- Humanities (e.g., literature, history, philosophy, religion)
- Natural sciences and mathematics (e.g., geology, biology, statistics, computer science)
- Professional fields (e.g., business, education, nursing, social work, library science)
- Social sciences (e.g., geography, psychology, economics, political science, anthropology)

Students must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of 2.00 or higher in all course work attempted, all course work taken at the University of Iowa, all course work taken after admission to the Bachelor of Applied Studies program, and all upper-level course work.

All University College policies regarding grading, course drops, withdrawals, academic standards, and so forth apply to B.A.S. students. Consult the University College student academic manual for more information.

**Optional Certificate or Emphasis Area**

Students may include a certificate or an emphasis area in their B.A.S. programs. Certificates and emphasis areas are noted on students' transcripts.

**CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT**
The Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management is offered by the Tippie College of Business. It requires a minimum of 18 s.h. Courses are offered online. See Entrepreneurial Management (Tippie College of Business) in the Catalog or contact the Tippie College of Business for details.

**CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT**
The Certificate in Nonprofit Management is offered by University College in collaboration with Distance Education and the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center. The certificate requires a minimum of 18 s.h. Courses are offered primarily online. See Nonprofit Management (University College) in the Catalog or contact the Division of Continuing Education for details.

**CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH**
The Certificate in Public Health is offered by the College of Public Health and is designed primarily for individuals working in public health practice and for those considering public health careers. The certificate requires 12 s.h. Courses are offered online. Applicants must have
substantial relevant work experience. Contact the College of Public Health for details.

**CREATIVE WRITING EMPHASIS AREA**
The creative writing emphasis area requires 18 s.h. It provides students with an understanding of the multiple facets of written communication. The emphasis area requires the following course work.

All of these:
- CLSA:3742 Word Power: Building English Vocabulary 3 s.h.
- CW:2100 Creative Writing 3 s.h.
- CW:4897 Novel Writing 3 s.h.

At least three of these:
- CLSA:3743 Word Power II: Building English Vocabulary—Advanced 3 s.h.
- CNW:2680 The Art and Craft of Creative Nonfiction 3 s.h.
- CW:2870 Fiction Writing 3 s.h.
- CW:2875 Poetry Writing 3 s.h.
- CW:3870 Advanced Fiction Writing 3 s.h.
- CW:3875 Advanced Poetry Writing 3 s.h.
- THTR:2301 Playwriting I 3 s.h.
- THTR:3301 Playwriting II 3 s.h.
- WRIT:1500 Writing Commons: A Community of Writers 1-3 s.h.

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see the Creative Writing Emphasis page on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

**HUMAN RELATIONS EMPHASIS AREA**
The human relations emphasis area requires 18 s.h. It focuses on human development, personality theory, interpersonal and group communication, multiculturalism, professional ethics, and the development of helping skills. The emphasis area requires the following course work.

All of these:
- RCE:4194 Interpersonal Effectiveness 3 s.h.
- RCE:4197 Citizenship in a Multicultural Society 3 s.h.
- RCE:4199 Counseling for Related Professions 3 s.h.

At least three of these:
- EDTL:3114 Parent-Child Relationships 3 s.h.
- RCE:4131 Loss, Death, and Bereavement 3 s.h.
- RCE:4162 Introduction to Couple and Family Therapy 3 s.h.
- RCE:4174 Positive Psychology 3 s.h.
- RCE:4176 Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy 3 s.h.
- RCE:4178 Microcounseling 1-3 s.h.
- RCE:4179 Sexuality Within the Helping Professions 3 s.h.
- RCE:4185 Introduction to Substance Abuse 3 s.h.
- RCE:4191 Advocacy: Awareness, Assertiveness, and Activism arr.
- SSW:3712 Human Sexuality, Diversity, and Society 1-3 s.h.

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see the Human Relations Emphasis page on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

**JUSTICE STUDIES EMPHASIS AREA**
The justice studies emphasis area requires 18 s.h. It is a good choice for students who hold associate degrees in disciplines such as community service, corrections, criminal justice, law enforcement, police science, or public safety. The emphasis area requires the following course work.

Two of these:
- POLI:3111 American Public Policy 3 s.h.
- PSY:2501 Introduction to Social Psychology 3 s.h.
- RCE:4197 Citizenship in a Multicultural Society 3 s.h.
- SOC:1410 Introduction to Criminology 3 s.h.
- SOC:4225 The Social Psychology of Leadership 3 s.h.

At least four of these:
- POLI:3104 Immigration Politics 3 s.h.
- RCE:4176 Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy 3 s.h.
- RCE:4185 Introduction to Substance Abuse 3 s.h.
- RCE:4194 Interpersonal Effectiveness 3 s.h.
- SOC:2430 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems 3 s.h.
- SOC:3416 Race, Crime, and Justice 3 s.h.
- SOC:3450 Criminal Legal System 3 s.h.
- SOC:4450 Juvenile Justice: A Sociolegal Perspective 3 s.h.

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see the Justice Studies Emphasis page on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE EMPHASIS AREA**
The political science emphasis area requires 18 s.h. It focuses on the United States’ political role in shaping social and public policy worldwide and on the interplay between foreign and domestic politics. The emphasis area requires the following course work.

Two of these:
- POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics 3 s.h.
- POLI:1200 Introduction to Political Behavior 3 s.h.
- POLI:1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
- POLI:1403 Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
- POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations 3 s.h.
- POLI:1501 Introduction to American Foreign Policy 3 s.h.

At least four of these:
- POLI:3100 American State Politics 3 s.h.
- POLI:3102 The U.S. Congress 3 s.h.
- POLI:3104 Immigration Politics 3 s.h.
- POLI:3110 Local Politics 3 s.h.
- POLI:3111 American Public Policy 3 s.h.
- POLI:3116 The Presidency 3 s.h.
- POLI:3118 Interest Groups 3 s.h.
- POLI:3123 State Politics in Iowa 3 s.h.
POLI:3150 Problems in American Politics 1-3 s.h.
POLI:3504 Globalization 3 s.h.

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see the Political Science Emphasis page on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

**Admission**

Individuals who wish to earn a B.A.S. must apply formally for admission to the program by completing an application through the Office of Admissions. Additional information on the B.A.S. program may be found on the Bachelor of Applied Studies web site.

Applicants to the B.A.S. program must have earned an Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.), an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), an Associate of Arts (A.A.), or an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from a regionally accredited institution. They must have a minimum of 60 s.h. of approved transfer credit, which includes career-technical credit.

Students who have an A.A. degree from a two-year institution participating in articulation agreements with the University of Iowa are considered to have satisfied the B.A.S. core requirements, except for “business/management.”

Applicants who graduated from an Iowa community college or Waldorf College must have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.00; those who graduated from Black Hawk College in Illinois must have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.25; those who graduated from other institutions outside Iowa must have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.50.