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 degree may be completed completely online or through a combination of on-site and online course work. Students may earn credit toward the degree with a selection of several types of courses, including semester-based online courses, extension courses at sites throughout Iowa, and regular session on-campus courses.

The B.A.S. is a general undergraduate degree without a traditional academic major. Students can design an individual program or select from four optional emphasis areas: creative writing, human relations, justice studies, and political science. B.A.S. students may complete multiple emphasis areas and earn undergraduate certificates offered by the University of Iowa. They may not earn minors or enroll in a second college at the University of Iowa while completing the B.A.S. degree.

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 determine 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.

Applicants to the B.A.S. program must hold an associate degree; see Admission in this section of the Catalog for more detailed admission requirements.

The B.A.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by Distance and Online Education.

### Undergraduate Program of Study

#### Major

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