Bachelor of Applied Studies, B.A.S.

Requirements

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 details, see Course Numbers on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website.

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 website 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, communication studies, creative writing, art, music)
- Humanities (e.g., literature, history, philosophy, religion)
- Natural sciences and mathematics (e.g., mathematics, biology, statistics, computer science)
- Professional fields (e.g., business, education, nursing, social work, aging and longevity studies)
- Social sciences (e.g., sociology, 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. For more information, see Taking University College Courses on the University College website.

Optional Emphasis Area

Students may include an emphasis area in their B.A.S. program.

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
- CW:2100 Creative Writing 3
- CW:4897 Novel Writing 3
- At least three of these:
  - CW:2870 Fiction Writing 3
  - CW:2875 Poetry Writing 3
  - CW:3005 Professional and Creative Business Communication 3
  - CW:3870 Advanced Fiction Writing 3
  - CW:3875 Advanced Poetry Writing 3
  - CW:4745 The Sentence: Strategies for Writing 3
  - CW:4760 The Art of Revision: Rewriting Prose for Clarity and Impact 3
- THTR:2301 Playwriting I 3
- THTR:3301 Playwriting II 3
- WRIT:1500 Writing Commons: A Community of Writers 2

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

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
- RCE:4197 Citizenship in a Multicultural Society 3
- RCE:4199 Counseling for Related Professions 3
- At least three of these:
  - EDTL:3114 Parent-Child Relationships 3
  - RCE:4131 Loss, Death, and Bereavement 3
  - RCE:4162 Introduction to Couple and Family Therapy 3
  - RCE:4174 Positive Psychology 3
  - RCE:4176 Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy 3
  - RCE:4178 Microcounseling 3
  - RCE:4179 Sexuality Within the Helping Professions 3
  - RCE:4185 Introduction to Substance Abuse 3
  - RCE:4191 Advocacy: Awareness, Assertiveness, and Activism 3
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SSW:3712 Human Sexuality, Diversity, and Society 3

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

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:
CRIM:1410 Introduction to Criminology 3
POLI:3111 American Public Policy 3
PSY:2501 Introduction to Social Psychology 3
RCE:4197 Citizenship in a Multicultural Society 3
SOC:4225 The Social Psychology of Leadership 3

At least four of these:
CRIM:2430 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems 3
CRIM:3416 Race, Crime, and Justice 3
CRIM:4420 Criminal Punishment 3
POLI:3104 Immigration Politics 3
RCE:4176 Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy 3
RCE:4185 Introduction to Substance Abuse 3
RCE:4194 Interpersonal Effectiveness 3
SOC:3171 Drugs and Society 3
SSW:4100 Social Work in the Criminal Justice System 3

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

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
POLI:1200 Introduction to Political Behavior 3
POLI:1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations 3
POLI:1501 Introduction to American Foreign Policy 3

At least four of these:
POLI:3100 American State Politics 3
POLI:3102 The U.S. Congress 3
POLI:3104 Immigration Politics 3

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

Admission
Individuals who wish to earn a B.A.S. must apply 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 website.

Applicants to the B.A.S. program must have earned an associate 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 the business/management courses. Additional information on articulation agreements can be found on the Office of Admissions website.

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.