

Bachelor of Applied Studies, BAS

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 maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher in all coursework attempted, all coursework taken at the University of Iowa, and all upper-level coursework.

After admission to the University of Iowa, one of the following residence requirements must be met—at least 90 s.h. completed at the University of Iowa, or 45 of the final 60 s.h. completed at the University of Iowa, or the final 30 s.h. completed at the University of Iowa.

Students must earn at least 60 s.h. of the minimum 120 s.h. required for the degree at four-year colleges, including 45 s.h. in upper-level coursework. University of Iowa upper-level courses are numbered from 3000 to 4999. Some courses numbered below 3000 may be considered upper level for the BAS; for details, see BAS Upper-Level Coursework on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website.

Students must also 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

To satisfy the quantitative or formal reasoning requirement, students may use any 3 s.h. course approved for the Quantitative or Formal Reasoning area of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core, or any 3–4 s.h. statistics course (prefix STAT). Students may also use the following distance education courses, which are not part of the GE CLAS Core: BIOS:4120, LING:1003/WRIT:1003, or PSQF:4143/STAT:4143.

Requirements	Hours
Rhetoric coursework equivalent to composition II and speech	
Quantitative or formal reasoning	3
Social sciences	3
Values and society	3
Business/management	6

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.

Requirements	Hours
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)

All University College policies regarding grading, course drops, withdrawals, academic standards, and so forth apply to BAS 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 BAS 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. Repeatable courses in creative writing (prefix CW) or creative nonfiction writing (prefix CNW) may only count toward the creative writing emphasis area once each. The emphasis area requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CLSA:3742/ WRIT:3742	Word Power: Building English Vocabulary	3
CW:2100	Creative Writing: Foundations for Nonmajors	3
CW:4897	Novel Writing	3
At least three of these:		
CINE:1150	Introduction to Screenwriting for Nonmajors	3
CNW:1620	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	3
CW:2870	Fiction Writing	3
CW:2875	Poetry Writing	3
CW:3005/ INTD:3005/ WRIT:3005	Professional and Creative Business Communication	3
CW:3870	Advanced Fiction Writing	3
CW:3875	Advanced Poetry Writing	3
CW:4745/ WRIT:4745	The Sentence: Strategies for Writing	3
CW:4760/ WRIT:4760	The Art of Revision: Rewriting Prose for Clarity and Impact	3
WRIT:1500	Writing Commons: A Community of Writers	3

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see Creative Writing Emphasis Area on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website. Students who earn the creative writing emphasis may not earn the creative writing minor (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) or the Certificate in Writing (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

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 coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CSED:4194	Interpersonal Effectiveness	3
CSED:4197	Citizenship in a Multicultural Society	3

CSED:4199	Counseling for Related Professions	3
At least three of these:		
CSED:4131	Loss, Death, and Bereavement	3
CSED:4162/ PSQF:4162	Introduction to Couple and Family Therapy	3
CSED:4174	Positive Psychology	3
CSED:4176	Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy	3
CSED:4178	Microcounseling	3
CSED:4179	Sexuality Within the Helping Professions	3
CSED:4185	Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
CSED:4195	Ethics in Human Relations and Counseling	3
SSW:3712/ NURS: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. Students who earn the human relations emphasis may not earn the human relations minor (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

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 coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
CRIM:1410	Introduction to Criminology	3
CSED:4197	Citizenship in a Multicultural Society	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3
SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	3-4
SOC:4225	The Social Psychology of Leadership	3
At least four of these:		
CRIM:3250	Drugs, Deviance, and Social Control	3
CRIM:4410	Treatment Interventions in Corrections	3
CSED:4176	Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy	3
CSED:4185	Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
CSED:4194	Interpersonal Effectiveness	3
HRTS:2115/IS:2115	Introduction to Human Rights	3
MGMT:2000	Introduction to Law	3
POLI:3503	Politics of Terrorism	3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SSW:3797	Child Welfare Policy and Practice	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 political role of the United States in shaping social and public policy worldwide and on the interplay between foreign and domestic politics. The emphasis area requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
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:		
IS:2020	World Events Today!	3
POLI:3100	American State Politics	3
POLI:3102	The U.S. Congress	3
POLI:3110	Local Politics	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3
POLI:3116	The Presidency	3
POLI:3202	Political Psychology	3
POLI:3203	Campaigns, Elections, and Voting Behavior	3
POLI:3204/ SOC:3525	Public Opinion	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	3
POLI:3503	Politics of Terrorism	3
POLI:3504	Globalization	3
POLI:3506	Consequences of War	3

For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see Political Science Emphasis Area on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website. Students who earn the political science emphasis may not earn a political science minor (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Admission

Individuals who wish to earn a BAS must apply for admission to the program by completing an application through Admissions. Additional information on the BAS program may be found on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website.

Applicants to the BAS 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. There is no limit on the amount of career-technical credit accepted as a part of the 60 s.h. of approved transfer credit.

Students who have an AA degree from a two-year institution participating in articulation agreements with the University of Iowa are considered to have satisfied the BAS core requirements, except for the business/management courses. Additional information on articulation agreements can be found on the Admissions website.

Applicants who graduated from an Iowa community college or Waldorf College must have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.00; those who graduated from Black Hawk College in Illinois must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25; those who graduated from other institutions outside Iowa must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50.