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 who earn the creative writing emphasis may not earn the Certificate in Writing (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

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 coursework 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).

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. The emphasis area requires the following coursework.

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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 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.

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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.

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:4410 Treatment Interventions in Corrections 3
CRIM:4420 Criminal Punishment 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:
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:3405 Authoritarian Politics 3
POLI:3503 Politics of Terrorism 3
POLI:3506 Consequences of War 3
POLI:3519/ ASP:3519 Politics of Aging 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 BAS must apply for admission to the program by completing an application through the Office of 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, which includes career-technical 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 Office of 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.