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.

BAS 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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<td>CW:4897</td>
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<td>The Sentence: Strategies for Writing</td>
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<td>The Art of Revision: Rewriting Prose for Clarity and Impact</td>
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<td>WRIT:1500</td>
<td>Writing Commons: A Community of Writers</td>
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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.

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<td>Citizenship in a Multicultural Society</td>
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<td>Treatment Interventions in Corrections</td>
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<td>Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy</td>
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<td>Interpersonal Effectiveness</td>
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<td>Introduction to Human Rights</td>
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<td>MGMT:2000</td>
<td>Introduction to Law</td>
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<td>POLI:3503</td>
<td>Politics of Terrorism</td>
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<td>SOC:2810</td>
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<td>SSW:3797</td>
<td>Child Welfare Policy and Practice</td>
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<td>SSW:4100</td>
<td>Social Work in the Criminal Justice System</td>
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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.

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<td>Politics of Aging</td>
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For additional details about the emphasis area and related careers, see Justice Studies Emphasis Area on the Bachelor of Applied Studies website.