Online Bachelor of Arts in Applied Arts and Science

Program Highlights

120 credit hours
In-state tuition: $420/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: $540/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on 2023-2024 rates and is subject to change.

- Designed for graduates of Applied Arts and Science programs (AAS) who are seeking a bachelor’s degree for employment, licensing or promotion
- Applies technical degree credit from the AAS and may therefore lead to a bachelor’s degree more quickly and at less cost than a traditional bachelor’s degree
- Is 100% online for maximum convenience and flexibility

Is the BAAS degree for me?

The online BAAS is the perfect degree for you if:

- You are a working professional with an AAS degree and need a BA as quickly as possible to advance in the workplace
- You are from the El Paso area and want to continue with UTEP to receive a bachelor’s degree rather than moving to another part of the country for a bachelor's degree

You will get a minimum of 33 hours of transfer credit (and up to a maximum of 66 hours, depending on official transcript evaluation) so you could potentially complete the BAAS and graduate with a bachelor’s degree within a shorter timeframe: a huge savings in time and money.

Additionally, you will gain strong writing and communication skills which are widely applicable and useful in a variety of areas.
Admissions Requirements
To qualify for admission into this program, you must submit the following:

- Associate’s degree from an Applied Arts or Science (AAS) program; 33 semester credit hours awarded from an organized technical program completed at a community college

- Completed admission application

- Official transcript(s)
  - Your transcript(s) must be mailed to UTEP directly from the school(s) attended.
  - Please make sure that your school includes your diploma type, rank and GPA.

Curriculum
As a student in the online BAAS program, you’re required to successfully complete a total of 120 semester credit hours of coursework including foundation courses as well as two 15-hour concentrations. Of these, 33 must be awarded from an organized technical program (an AAS is required), and a minimum of 45 credit hours must be from UTEP. These concentrations will be selected in consultation with the BAAS advisors. You may develop concentrations including but not limited to Intelligence and National Security Studies, Communication Studies, and Writing Studies.

| General Education Courses | 42 semester credit hours |
| Transfer credit from organized technical program | 33 semester credit hours |
| Foundation Courses | 15 semester credit hours |
| Concentration I | 15 semester credit hours |
| Concentration II | 15 semester credit hours |

**Total Credits for Degree Completion**
120 semester credit hours

Applied Arts and Science Foundation Courses
Students will select 5 of the following 7 courses:

- RWS 3355  Workplace Writing
- RWS 3359  Technical Writing
- RWS 3366  Advanced Composition: Argument
- COMM 3323  Communication and Organizational Leadership
- COMM 3355  Organizational Communication
- COMM 3371  Communication Theory/Analysis
- COMM 4372  Research Methods

*Note: Curriculum is subject to change.*