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APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: GPA Calculations Across Concentrations

College: Liberal Arts Department: Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Selfa A. Chew-Melendez, Program Director

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa A. Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

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Date: 10/14/2025

From: Selfa A. Chew-Melendez, Director, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science Program

College: College of Liberal Arts

To: Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Selfa A. Chew-Melendez, Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

Program and Section Name
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science Program

Catalog page link
<https://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/baas/>

Is the change required/requested by an accrediting body?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Comments (if needed)

Currently, the policy requires that students earn a 2.0 GPA in *each* of their two concentrations. However, in practice, this creates complications for students who transfer coursework without GPA points, or for those whose overall academic record meets university standards but have one concentration slightly below the 2.0 threshold due to a single low grade.

UTEP's institutional policy requires a minimum 2.0 GPA. GPA is calculated comprehensively across the field of study—not subdivided by fields. This standard is consistent across the College of Liberal Arts and most degree programs. Since the BAAS degree plan calculates GPA separately for each concentration, enforcing a per-concentration 2.0 requirement adds an extra condition not applied to other majors.

If a 2.0 combined GPA of all coursework is approved, it would ensure equity for transfer students and align the program with the general academic standards of the university, while maintaining the integrity and rigor expected of a multidisciplinary degree.

Copy and paste relevant sections of the catalog page below. Use track changes to indicate the requested updates.

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Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science

Unofficial Degree Proposal

Name

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Catalog: 2020-2021 Expires 06/01/27

Minimum GPA Requirement: 2.0 in Concentrations; 2.0 Overall

*NOTE: Student must meet 30 hour residency rule to complete a degree

See The University of Texas at El Paso, Undergraduate catalog for more information. <http://catalog.utep.edu>

REQUIREMENTS

	Items	Subjects	Gr	Has	Needs
A	Core Curriculum (42 Hrs) (Minimum "C" required)				
	See catalog for approved courses in core				
1	Communication (6)				
	RWS 1301	Rhetoric & Composition 1	A		3
	RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2	A		3
2	Mathematics (3-5)				
	MATH 1319 or 1320		B		3
3	Life and Physical Sciences (6-7)				
			B		3
			B		1
			B		3
4	Language, Phil, & Culture (3)				
			B		3
5	Creative Arts (3)				
			B		3
6	American History (6)				
	HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	A		3
	HIST 1302	History of U.S. since 1865	A		3
7	Government/Political Science (6)				
	POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	A		3
	POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	C		3
8	Social & Behavioral Sciences (3)				
			B		3
9	Component Area Option (6)				
			B		3
			B		3

	Items	Subjects	Gr	Has	Needs
B	Concentrations (15 hours each, minimum of 9 advanced)				
	I:	Applied Science			
1	33 HOURS OF CREDIT FOR EARNED				
2	ASSOCIATES OF APPLIED SCIENCE		TCR	33	
3	***Pending technical course hours being transferred				

Comments: Please note that only 33 hours from an AAS Degree are applicable to the Technical Program Concentration for the BAAS proposal

RWS	3355	Workplace Writing (pre-req: RWS 1302)
RWS	3359	Technical Writing (pre-req: RWS 1302)
RWS	3366	Advncd Comp: Argument (pre-req: RWS 1302)
COMM	3323	Comm & Org Leadership (pre-req waived)
COMM	3355	Org Comm
COMM	3371	Comm Theory/Analysis (pre-req waived)
COMM	4372	Research Methods

Degree Plan

Required Credit Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
Students enrolled in the 120 SCH BAAS degree program at UTEP must meet the following requirements:		
Organized technical program completed at a community college. (AAS degree or equivalent is required.)		33
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.		42
Upper-division courses:		15
Select 5 courses from the following:		
COMM 3323	Comm & Org Leadership	
COMM 3355	Organizational Communication	
COMM 3371	Communication Theory/Analysis	
COMM 4372	Methods of Research in Comm	
RWS 3355	Workplace Writing	
RWS 3359	Technical Writing	
RWS 3366	Advanced Composition: Argument	
Concentrations		30
Select 15 semester credit hours for each concentration in consultation with BAAS advisors. 24 out of the 30 hours need to be upper-division.		
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Course List		

Deleted: **A grade of D will be accepted in individual courses. However, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 in the foundation courses and each concentration