

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: BAAS--Upper Division Concentration Requirements

College: College of Liberal Arts Department: Dean's Office

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Maryse Jayasuriya, Associate Dean

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Professor Crystal Herman

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Denis O'Hearn

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

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science Degree is a designated pathway for graduates of Applied Arts and Science programs to continue to a Baccalaureate Degree without significant loss of technical credit. The technical credits awarded to fulfill the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science fulfill this applied degree only and are not intended to be transferred into a traditional BA or BS degree program.

Admission Requirements

Required: 33 semester credit hours awarded from an organized technical program completed at a community college (AAS degree or equivalent is required).

Degree Requirements

Students enrolled in the 120 SCH BAAS degree program are required to complete:

- 42 semester credit hours of Core Curriculum
- 33 semester credit hours awarded from an organized technical program completed at a community college. (AAS degree or equivalent is required.)
- ~~39~~45 hours of upper-division course work. This includes 15 semester credit hours of foundation courses intended to provide BAAS students with a background in writing and communication strategies and skill sets, and ~~24~~30 semester credit hours to make up two 15-hour concentrations. These concentrations will be selected in consultation with the BAAS advisors. Students may ~~select~~develop concentrations including, but not limited to: [Communication Studies](#), [Entrepreneurship](#), [Food Culture and Nutrition](#), [General Business](#), Intelligence and National Security Studies, ~~Communication Studies~~, and Writing Studies.^[1]
- Please see **Evaluation of Transfer Credit** for details regarding transfer of core curriculum, for both core complete or individual core courses <http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/enrollment-services/#TRANSFERADMISSION> [2] If a student admitted to the BAAS program is eligible to receive 33 hours for the AAS degree awarded from an organized technical program completed at a community college AND is core complete (42 hours), the student will be allowed to make the decision regarding which 66 hours they want to apply toward their degree. A maximum of 66 semester hours of credit from two-year lower-division institutions is applicable toward a degree at UTEP.
- There is no minor for the BAAS.

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 4371	Communication Law and Society	
RWS 3355	Workplace Writing	
RWS 3359	Technical Writing	
RWS 3366	Advanced Composition: Argument	

Code	Title	Hours
Concentrations		30
Select 15 semester credit ^{upper division} hours for each concentration in consultation with BAAS advisors. <u>24 out of the 30 hours need to be upper-division.</u>		
Students may develop concentrations including, but not limited to: Intelligence and National Security Studies, Communication Studies, and Writing Studies.		
**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.		
Total Hours		120

Commented [JM1]: Omitted because this information is given in the degree requirements section.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: August 13, 2021

From: Dr. Maryse Jayasuriya, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Through: Dr. Denis O’Hearn, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Dr. Andy Fleck, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Explain the nature of the change and the rationale.

In 2020, the College of Liberal Arts revised the upper requirements for the BA degree from 45 upper division hours to 39 upper division hours in order to ensure flexibility for the students and to be in compliance with new legislation such as Field of Study requirements. Changing the BAAS requirements from 45 upper division hours to 39 upper division hours would align BAAS with the BA degree.

This change would have the added benefit of promoting pathways to BAAS degrees. In recent collaboration efforts between El Paso Community College and UTEP’s Liberal Arts, Business, and Health Sciences programs to develop BAAS concentration pathways to complement specific AAS degrees, we have found that the upper-division credit requirement for the concentrations does not provide room for prerequisite requirements, which are mostly made up of lower-division course work.

For example, a concentration in General Business requires:

General Business			
Prerequisites (Lower-Division Course Requirements):			
MATH	1320	¹ *Math for Social Sciences I (w/C or better)	3
ACCT	2301	¹ Principles of Accounting I (w/C or better) (Prerequisite: MATH 1320)	3
ECON	2304	¹ *Principles of Economics (w/C or better) (Prerequisite: MATH 1320)	3
Select five of the following:			
BLAW	3301	Legal Environment of Business	3
CIS	3345	Management Information Systems	3
ECON	3310	Managerial Economics (Prerequisite: ECON 2304)	3
FIN	3310	Business Finance (Prerequisite: ACCT 2301)	3
MKT	3300	Principles of Marketing (Prerequisite: ACCT 2301)	3
MGMT	3303	Intro-Mgmt/Organizational Behavior	3
Total Hours			21-24

**Course may be fulfilled as part of the Core Curriculum*

¹*Prerequisite*

Other changes in the proposal are minor clean-up modifications.