



**BACHELOR OF  
APPLIED ARTS  
& SCIENCES**

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2019-2020 Catalog Year

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) degree program is designed to provide a clear path to a four-year baccalaureate degree for community college students with technical or applied degrees or transfer students with technical, applied, or military credits from approved institutions. By accepting many workforce/technical/military credits, the Applied Arts and Sciences program maximizes the number of hours credited towards the UNT degree. The Applied Arts and Sciences major combines an occupational specialization with concentrations specifically oriented to the student's career goals.

Graduates of the Applied Arts and Sciences program use their degrees to break through promotional barriers in existing jobs or to change careers altogether. Alumni of the program have pursued careers in a variety of areas including business, industry and public service. Advising Counselors assist students with developing a degree plan that addresses their career objectives.

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree consists of 120 college credit hours. It requires 42 hours of academic B.A.A.S. unifying courses, 66 hours in the major and 12 hours of general electives. For more information, visit our website at [baas.unt.edu](http://baas.unt.edu)

## **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

### **B.A.A.S. Unifying Courses (9 Hours)**

Consists of three B.A.A.S. unifying courses that teach students to effectively locate and analyze information, to collaborate with diverse groups of people, and work well within organizational systems. Students must earn a "C" or better in each of the courses in this component to receive credit.

- BAAS 3020 Fundamentals of Inquiry and Discovery
- BAAS 3000 Pathways to Civic Engagement
- BAAS 4100 Managing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Career – must take BAAS 3020 and 3000 prior and take in final semester

### **OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALIZATION (21 Hours)**

Comprised of courses related to a specific occupation, field or subject. The occupational specialization often consists of field-specific course work completed for an Associate's of Applied Science (AAS) degree at a community college. Active-duty military or veterans may receive credit for technical or other formal training courses under this component of the degree plan. Students who have not completed an occupational specialization through courses taken in a community college or in the military may create one by selecting a primary area of study approved in consultation with their academic advisor and the B.A.A.S. Faculty Director.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATIONS (36 hours)**

Consists of two to three sets of courses which serve to build upon the skills a student has already acquired through prior training/experience and have complimentary themes of interest. Students have the option of working with their academic advisor in selecting these concentrations using the flexible plan, or they may choose two concentrations with one being a formal 24-hour Focus Area developed (in collaboration with other UNT academic departments) for specific career directions or fields of study.

Advising Code:

Holds:



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## Unofficial Degree Planning Worksheet 2019-2020

Name:

ID#:

Date:

University Core Requirements (42 Hrs)	Completed	Major Requirements (78 Hrs)	Completed
<b>Communication (6 Hrs)</b> (Must earn C or better to receive credit)		<b>B.A.A.S. Unifying Courses (9 Hrs)</b> (Must earn C or better to receive credit)	
(3) ENGL 1310 College Writing I		(3) BAAS 3020 Discovery and Inquiry*	
(3) ENGL 1320 College Writing II		(3) BAAS 3000 Pathways to Civic Engagement*	
<b>Mathematics (3 Hrs)</b>		(3) BAAS 4100 Managing a 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Career* - Must Take in Final Semester	
(3)		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Concentration (12 Hrs)</b>	
<b>Life &amp; Physical Sciences (6-8 Hrs)</b> (Must have a lab with each science course)		(3)	
(3-4)		(3)	
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<b>American History (6 Hrs)</b>		(3)	
(3) HIST 2610 U.S. History to 1865		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Development Concentration (12 Hrs)</b>	
(3) HIST 2620 U.S. History Since 1865		(3)	
<b>Government/Political Science (6 Hrs)</b>		(3)	
(3) PSCI 2305 U.S. Political Behv & Policy		(3)	
(3) PSCI 2306 U.S. & TX Constitutions/Institutions		(3)	
<b>Creative Arts (3 Hrs)</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Professional Development Concentration (12 Hrs)</b>	
(3)		(3)	
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 Hrs)</b>		(3)	
(3)		(3)	
<b>Social and Behavioral Science (3 Hrs)</b>		(3)	
(3)		<b>Occupational Specialization (21 Hrs):</b>	
<b>Component Area Options (6 Hrs)</b>		(3)	
(3) Option A		(3)	
(3) Option B		(3)	
<b>Extra Hours</b>		(3)	
		(3)	
		(3)	
		(3)	
		<b>Elective Hours: minimum 12 (will vary by student)</b>	
		(3)	
		(3)	
		(3)	
<b>Total BAAS Degree Requirement – 120 HOURS Minimum</b>		(3)	

Total Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_

Total Hours Still Required: \_\_\_\_

Total Advanced Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_

Total Advanced Hours Still Required: \_\_\_\_

**Note:** Up to 90 hours of the 120 hours required for the BAAS degree may be transferred from other approved institutions. At least 30 hours must be taken from UNT. The degree also requires that 36 of the 120 hours are advanced level (from courses with a 3000 or 4000 prefix) and that at least 24 of these are taken from UNT.

\* BAAS 3020 and 3000 are PREREQUISITE Courses for BAAS 4100. You must take BAAS 4100 in final semester.

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## Professional Development Concentrations

Concentrations are comprised of 12 to 18 hours (typically four to six classes) in one subject or field. Concentrations serve to enhance the skills a student has acquired through prior education or are complimentary to the student’s career plans. Students will choose their concentrations and the appropriate classes in conjunction with their advisor.

Concentrations can be designed to accommodate the student’s needs for certain class times and locations. Advisors can help students choose classes that are offered in Denton, Frisco, at the Collin Higher Education Center in McKinney, or online.

When choosing concentrations, students are encouraged to be mindful of:

- The level of classes that are offered by a department (if a student needs advanced, 3xxx-4xxx level courses, advisors can help students identify departments that offer 3xxx-4xxx level courses they are eligible for)
- Whether classes in a department have pre-requisites (i.e., MKTG 3650 is a pre-requisite for most Marketing classes)

Some example concentrations include:

### Marketing

- MKTG 3650
- 9 other hours 3xxx-4xxx level MKTG

### Financial Accounting

- ACCT 2010 (pre-requisites are ECON 1100 and MATH 1100 or higher)
- ACCT 2020
- 6 hours FINA

### Psychology

- 12 hours PSYC (may require PSYC 1630 as a pre-requisite)

### Surgical Technology

- 12 hours of transfer Surgical Technology courses from a Surgical Technology AAS Program

Build your concentration:

Concentration Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Prefix	Course Number	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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## 24 Hour Focus Areas

Students may elect to pursue a focus area, which is a specific group of eight classes (24 hours) that will result in the focus area title being listed on the student's diploma. Current focus areas include:

- Applied Commerce
- Aviation Operations
- Computational Linguistics
- Computer Science
- Digital Language Curation
- English as a Second Language
- Game Studies
- Homeland Security
- Hospitality Services
- Information Technology
- Logistical Operations
- Organizations and Supervision
- Public Safety
- Recreation and Sport Leadership
- Team Science

We are always working to form new focus areas—the B.A.A.S. website (<https://baas.unt.edu>) will continue to be updated as changes are made.

Please make an appointment with an advisor (at <http://appointments.unt.edu> or 940-369-8129) for any questions regarding focus areas.