

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM*ADDED SPRING 2026

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences is a flexible, multidisciplinary degree plan designed to help transfer students with community college degrees and non-traditional students who wish to transfer previous college credit, including up to 24 credits of certain Workforce Equivalency Course Manual (WECM) credits earned from technical or military courses. The program focuses on skills and content to prepare students for careers of their choice, through three tracks among which learners may choose to concentrate their studies: Geographic Information Systems Thinking (GIST), Justice Studies, and a student-designed option.

Competencies

1. Upon completion of the program students will be able to communicate effectively in writing and speech.
2. Upon completion of the program students will be able to solve problems through analysis of data, reason, and proactive thinking.
3. Upon completion of the program students will be able to demonstrate proficiency across a range of technologies.
4. Upon completion of the program students will be able to have developed a desire for lifelong learning.

Admissions Criteria

Associate's Degree, or minimum 60 hours college credit, or demonstration of progress toward degree and at least 10 years work experience.

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/generalcorerequirements/>) 42

BAAS Program Foundations

UNIV-LA 1131 or UNIV-LA 1101	STUDENT SUCCESS CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS	1 8
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Select a 1441 and 1442 sequence in any modern or classical language.

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BAAS Specialization

Core

BAAS 3301 INTRODUCTION TO INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES FOR THE BAAS 3

BAAS 4398 BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS & SCIENCES CAPSTONE 3

Select one of the following concentrations. 24

Geographic Information Systems Thinking

Select 6 from the following:

GEOG 2301	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
GEOG 2302	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
GEOG 3305	MAPS AND MAPMAKERS
GEOG 3347	AMERICA'S BORDERS AND BORDERLANDS
GEOG 3380	THE SPATIAL HUMANITIES
GEOG 4330	UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
GEOG 4331	ANALYSIS OF SPATIAL DATA
GEOG 4332	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

Select 2 courses in GEOG in consultation with the BAAS advisor.

Justice Studies

Complete the following prerequisites:

CRCJ 2334	INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
CRCJ 2350	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Select 6 from the following:

CRCJ 3338	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS
CRCJ 4301	THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM
CRCJ 4332	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CRCJ 4333	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS
CRCJ 4380	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

Student Designed

Select 8 courses in consultation with the BAAS advisor.

General Electives

Select courses sufficient to complete 120 hours.¹

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Total Hours**120**

¹ No more than 24 hours of coursework transferred in as WECM may be used toward electives. No more than 4 hours of EXSA or DNCA courses can be counted toward electives.

Program Completion

The completion requirements are the same as the University's minimum requirements.

Advising Resources

The Liberal Arts Applied Programs (LAAP) office offers advising for students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies (INTS) or minoring in Law and Legal Studied (LLS) or Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies (GWSS). First time in college students should speak to a LAAP advisor when starting their second year. Transfer students should contact a LAAP advisor when enrolled.

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