

# Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) is intended for students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and who desire a four-year degree for either professional advancement/promotion or personal achievement. B.A.S. students are often place-bound and working full-time, and thus B.A.S. programs will primarily be offered online. Admission to the program requires each student entering the program to have earned an Associate Applied Science (AAS) degree from an accredited institution and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average. A minimum of 120 semester hours is required for the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

## Requirements for the BAS include:

A total of at least 120 semester hours of credit, including applicable transferable credit earned, is required for graduation. The total must fulfill the following specifications:

1. 60 semester hours applicable transfer credit from coursework completed as part of an AAS degree from an accredited institution
2. 23-24 hours of Liberal Arts Core classes, as outlined below (of which 9 hours can be transferred in as LAC 1A, 1B, and 1C);
3. 6 hours of Professional Communication, as outlined below;
4. 21-30 hours of Major course work, from one of the majors listed below;
5. 0-19 hours of elective credit, for a total of 60 semester hours of credit taken at the University of Northern Iowa.

## Liberal Arts Core Requirements for BAS degree:

1. Category 1: Core Competencies in Categories 1A (writing), 1B (speaking), and 1C (math) or transfer equivalencies\* - 9 hours  
\*BAS students are permitted to transfer in courses equivalent to Categories 1A, 1B, & 1C. No other non-UNI classes can be applied to fulfill the LAC portion of the BAS degree.
2. Category 2: Civilizations & Cultures (1 course from Category 2A or 2B) - 3 hours
3. Category 3: Fine Arts, Literature, Philosophy & Religion (1 course from Category 3A or 3B) - 3 hours
4. Category 4: Natural Science & Technology (1 course from Category 4A or 4B) - 3 hours
5. Category 5: Social Science (1 course from Category 5A, 5B, or 5C) - 3 hours
6. Category 6: Capstone Experience (1 course) - 2-3 hours

TOTAL: 23-24 HOURS

## Professional Communication Required Courses for BAS Degree

Required:

COMM 3155 Business and Professional Oral Communication - 3 hours  
ENGLISH 3186 Studies in Technical Communication - 3 hours

## MAJORS

- Criminal Justice
- Tactical Emergency Services with Vulnerable Populations