Is a BAAS right for you?

After years of employment you may find you have the occupational or technical skills required to be successful in your career, but lack the credentials necessary for career advancement. The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree can help you meet your unique career goals and interests.

The BAAS degree is a great fit for transfer students with excessive elective hours, vocational or technical community college hours, for active-duty or military veterans, and individuals in the work force. The flexibility of the online program allows you to better balance school with work and family obligations.

The BAAS program at MSU accepts many vocational, technical, and military credits that would normally not be applicable to most traditional bachelor's degrees.

For example, hours from accredited vocational/technical training, ACE (American Council on Education) accredited programs, armed forces training, community colleges and universities, and qualifying work experience may all be accepted towards this fully accredited four-year college degree.

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Requirements

You must have a minimum of 24 hours of credit in occupational specialty to enroll in the BAAS program. These credits may be earned from community colleges, MSU, other senior institutions, vocational-technical schools, military training, ACE accredited armed forces schools, and work experience.

MSU also accepts nontraditional credit toward the BAAS from various sources such as CLEP, DANTES, correspondence courses, work experience, military service and training, self-study authenticated by examination, ACE, and APICS.

BAAS Degree (120 credit hours)

- 39 hours Occupational Specialty
- 42 hours Academic Foundations
- 36 hours Professional Development
- 3 hours Computer Sciences

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The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Midwestern State University is often described as a general studies degree, but it can be as general or as specific as you choose. You have the option of a traditional, criminal justice, liberal arts, or adult education emphasis. Depending upon your coursework, you may also pursue a business minor.

The BAAS degree combines applied course work, a general education curriculum, and advanced courses specifically oriented to your career goals. This online degree completion program provides a direct route to a bachelor’s degree for nontraditional students.

Evaluation Checklist

The BAAS evaluation will determine what hours and work credit are transferable and how many hours you will need to complete your degree.

Send the following documents, if applicable, to the BAAS program by email, mail, or fax.

- Request for evaluation including your contact information
- All official and unofficial college transcripts
- TCOLE Training Summary
- ACE training certificates or transcripts
- Employment verification letter from your Human Resources officer
- Military veterans should include
  - AARTS or SMARTS transcripts
  - Community College of the Air Force transcripts
  - DD214
  - Joint Services Transcript (JST)