Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

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Advance your career and achieve your goals with our flexible learning experience.
What is a BAAS degree?

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Degree is a fully accredited four-year degree designed to offer students with vocational and technical courses and other applicable work and military experience the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree.
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ONLINE
Adult Degree Completion Program

We accept many vocational, technical, and military credits such as:

- Vocational and technical training
- ACE (American Council on Education) programs
- Armed Forces training
- Community college and university credits
- Qualifying work experience

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Who is the ideal BAAS candidate?

- Individuals who have taken vocational or technical education courses, such as EMT, HVAC, and CNA at community colleges
- Working adults with some educational background and experience
- Current and former military members
- Law enforcement personnel
- Individuals with a large number of college hours and no degree
What are the components of a BAAS degree?

There are essentially three parts to the BAAS degree:

- **Occupational Specialty** (24-39 hours)
  - Computer science completion or proficiency (3 hrs)
- **Core Curriculum** (42 hours)
- **Professional Development** (36 advanced hours)

A total of 120 hours is needed to complete a BAAS degree.
Midwestern State University Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Degree Plan

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Cell Phone: [Number] | Home Phone: [Number] | Final Degree Plan: [Plan] | Catalog Used: [Year] |

To be eligible for the BAAS degree prospective students must have 24 hours of vocational/technical or elective credit.

This area is comprised of vocational/technical/elective hours, military hours, work credits, and any additional hours necessary to meet the degree requirement.

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<th>Occupational Specialty:</th>
<th>24-39 hrs</th>
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This area is comprised of selected courses in student's area of interest. Courses selected will be advanced level courses and numbered 3000-4000.

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<th>Professional Development</th>
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**TRADITIONAL BAAS**

| BAAS 4113 Capstone (last semester) | 3 |

**TOTAL° DEGREE PLAN HOURS**: 120

**Computer Science**: 3

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<th>Core Curriculum: 42 hrs</th>
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Communication: 3 | Mathematics: 3 | Life / Phys Sciences: 3 | Life / Phys Sciences: 3 | Lang, Phil / Culture: 3 | Creative Arts: 3 | American History I: 3 | American History II: 3 | Govt / PS (Amer Govt I): 3 | Govt / PS (Amer Govt II): 3 | Soc / Behav Sciences: 3 | Cultural / Global Under: 3 | Undergraduate Inquiry: 3 |

Sub Total: 42

**PENDING EVALUATION BY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

**CORE COMPLETED (CC)**: Yes

**Important Notes to Students**:

- 120 hours to complete the BAAS degree
- 30 hours to be completed with Midwestern State University
- 12 hours must be completed as BAAS major at MSU
- 30 hours is the transfer limit from a 2-year college
- Writing Proficiency Requirement (WPR) satisfied between 60-90 hours
- No more than 15 business hours from MSU; 30 hour total
- Apply for graduation two semesters prior to projected date
- Must have cumulative 2.0 GPA to graduate

I have reviewed my degree plan, I understand the degree plan is not an official record of all of my work completed, and the degree plan does not supersede catalog requirements for which I am fully responsible.

Student Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]

Academic Advisor Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]

Director Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]

* awarded after completion of nine hours at MSU

Degree Plan in Detail
Occupational Specialty

- The Occupational Specialty block of the degree plan is where applicable non-traditional credit hours, military hours, work experience, vocational/technical hours, and TCOLE hours are applied.

- Elective hours earned from a community college or another university may also fall under Occupational Specialty.
Core Curriculum

- The Core Curriculum is the academic foundation required of all university students seeking a bachelor’s degree.
- The Core Curriculum at Midwestern State University consists of the following areas:

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<td>Social/Behavioral Science</td>
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<td>Language, Philosophy, and Culture</td>
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3 hours of Computer Science - Although not part of the core curriculum students must complete 3 hrs of computer science through a course or proficiency exam.
Professional Development

- The Professional Development area of the degree plan is comprised of 36 hours of junior and senior-level course work.

- The BAAS Capstone course is a requirement of all BAAS students and is to be taken during the final semester.

- There are seven concentrations under the Professional Development area of the degree plan: Traditional, Adult Education, Criminal Justice, Healthcare Administration, Human Resource Development, Human Services, Liberal Arts
BAAS Degree Concentrations

- **Traditional BAAS:** The courses taken in this area will be chosen on the basis that they will provide academic depth or breadth to the area of specialization or will provide substantive developmental knowledge for the student’s career or personal goals.

- **BAAS with Adult Education:** The Adult Education Concentration is a gateway program that provides students with the background to serve an organization in the area of training and development for adults. The coursework combines strategies in adult learning, instructional system designs, best practices for adult learners regarding curriculum development, mentoring and the integration of technology into the training and development process. A graduate would be prepared for a career in training and development for the military, civil service, business, or industry.
BAAS Degree Concentrations, continued

- **BAAS with Criminal Justice:** The Criminal Justice Concentration provides students the background to pursue employment options in the criminal justice career field. The combination of such courses as law enforcement, political science, psychology, sociology, and social work prepares those already working in the field for career advancement. For those wishing to enter a criminal justice field, the degree offers the graduate the possibility of employment in such career fields as federal, state, and local law enforcement, institutional and community-based corrections, and criminal investigations.
BAAS Degree Concentrations, continued

- **BAAS with Healthcare Administration**: The Healthcare Administration Concentration is designed for students or healthcare professionals who have an accredited associate’s degree or certificate from a vocational technical program, hours from a medical or healthcare services degree or program, or those currently working or desiring to work in the healthcare or medical field. This concentration would provide entry level access for those interested in the healthcare or medical professions, and those continuing professionals in various healthcare and medical professions not requiring professional certification and licensure.
BAAS Degree Concentrations, continued

• **BAAS with Human Resource Development Concentration:** The Human Resource Development Concentration prepares individuals to work towards improving the performance of workers within industry or governmental sector. The multi-disciplinary coursework combines strategies in counseling, adult learning, and the integration of technology into the training and development process. A graduate would be prepared for a career in training and development for any industry. Those currently in the field will have acquired the foundation to further advance their knowledge and skills to be more effective in their roles as managers and trainers within their organization’s employee assistance, training, or employee development programs.
BAAS with Human Services Concentration: The Human Services Concentration prepares individuals to meet human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base. Focusing on prevention, as well as remediation of problems, graduates will help improve the overall quality of life of the serviced populations. The multi-disciplinary coursework combines a general foundation of human services theory, work application, and academic coursework for students at entry level or those currently working in social services, governmental agencies, institutional and community-based corrections, child welfare systems, and nonprofit and health service agencies.
BAAS Degree Concentrations, continued

- **BAAS with Liberal Arts Concentration:** The Liberal Arts Concentration is a gateway program that provides students with the critical thinking tools for a lifetime of learning and career achievement. The program is designed to fulfill the needs of students who wish to prepare for the challenges of today’s world by acquiring the skills and tools provided by a broadly based liberal arts education. The goal of the program is to equip these students with that broad base of knowledge in the liberal arts and to provide them with the communication and language skills necessary for success in the marketplace and in life.
What else do I need to know?

- A student must have at least 24 vocational, technical, elective, or employment-related hours to qualify for the BAAS program.

- Being eligibility for the BAAS program does not mean automatic acceptance into Midwestern State University. Students must meet all university admission requirements.

- There is no formal major or minor associated with the BAAS degree. The only minor available to BAAS students is a business minor, for those students who meet certain criteria and approval.

- Please note that no more than 15 business hours from MSU and no more than 30 total business hours can be applied to a degree plan.
What else do I need to know?

- In addition to the core, Occupational Specialty, and Professional Development course work, 3 hours of Computer Science is required of BAAS students.

- 30 hours must be completed at Midwestern State University to meet the residency requirement.

- No more than 69 hours from a 2-year college can be applied to your degree plan.

- All Midwestern State University students must meet the Writing Proficiency Requirement to graduate.

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate.
How do I apply?

- Step 1: Send copies of all transcripts and documents to the BAAS Office for a degree plan evaluation

- Step 2: After you receive your degree plan, contact a BAAS academic advisor to discuss the degree plan in detail and address any questions or concerns

- Step 3: Formally apply to Midwestern State University

- Step 4: If you are accepted to the university, contact a BAAS academic advisor to begin the process of selecting your classes
BAAS Benefits and Advantages

- The degree can be completed online

- Flexible degree plans centered around your personal, academic, and professional goals

- The ability to utilize unique credit types (vocational/technical, TCOLE, military, etc.), which saves time and money

- A BAAS degree may help you to earn a promotion, begin a new career path, or accelerate towards applying to a graduate program
Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in the Midwestern State University BAAS program!

Deciding to continue your education is an important decision and we are happy to assist you every step of the way.
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