The Liberal Arts Emphasis 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.

**Academic Foundations and Core Curriculum** (see degree plan.)

**Occupational Specialty** (39 semester hours. See degree plan.)

Credits toward an area of coherent specialization may be earned from community colleges, this university and other senior institutions (including elective hours), workforce education, vocational or technical schools, armed forces schools, work experiences, and non-traditional learning experiences that can be equated to college credit. To qualify for work experience credit, a student must have 3 consecutive years of full-time employment within the last 6 years. A student may be awarded 2 hours of credit for each qualifying year of job experience related to the student’s occupational specialty up to a maximum of 6 hours. Credit for non-traditional experiences is granted on the basis of evaluation by the Director and the BAAS staff utilizing the National Guide of the American Council on Education (ACE) and other appropriate publications. Documentation will be placed in the student’s permanent file in the Office of the Registrar. A minimum of 24 semester hours in the area of occupational specialty must be completed before the student can be accepted into the program. Cognate vocational-technical courses may be accepted within the area of occupational specialty or professional development.

**Computer Science (3 hours)**

**Professional Development** (36 advanced semester hours from the Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences which will include 3 hours of BAAS 4113 Capstone Project).

Student Signature_______________________ Date____________________________

Print Name____________________________ Mustang ID_____________________

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