



**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Program  
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## FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

### **\*Do I have to have a 2-year degree to be eligible for the BAAS? What is required?**

- You do not need a 2-year degree to transfer into the BAAS program.
- To be eligible you must have at least 24 hours of vocational/technical or elective hours in the occupational specialty area.
- 120 hours are needed to complete the degree.
- A maximum of 69 hours may transfer from community colleges.
- 30 hours of coursework must be completed at MSU to meet the residency requirement. Online courses taken through Midwestern State University count toward the residency requirement.

### **\*Do I have to come to campus for classes?**

As a distance student you will not have to come to campus for courses, labs, or exams. (Hopefully you will attend graduation!) The only exception may be the Writing Proficiency Requirement, which is discussed in the next section. The vast majority of courses needed to complete this degree can be obtained online through MSU. Courses fill quickly, so it is important to take advantage of early registration. Students who have not completed the core education requirements can also take them locally and transfer them back to MSU, or they may be available online through Virtual College of Texas at [www.vct.org](http://www.vct.org).

### **\*What is the WPR?**

The Writing Proficiency Requirement (WPR) is a graduation requirement for all MSU students seeking a baccalaureate degree. It must be satisfied between 60-90 hours, and after both Communications requirements have been completed. If you live **more than 150 miles from** Midwestern State University you are able to have the exam proctored locally. Visit this link for additional information: <http://www.mwsu.edu/academics/wpr/index>.

### **\*When do courses begin and end?**

Courses are offered during the traditional 16-week fall and spring semesters as well as during the two summer sessions, which are 5 weeks each. Additionally, courses are offered during the 3-week winter mini-term and May mini-term.

### **\*What do I need to send you to determine my eligibility and standing?**

To process an evaluation we will need to review copies of all college transcripts. If applicable, we also need to review your TCOLE printout, law enforcement certifications and/or military transcripts. For veterans, military transcripts can be accessed electronically at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Please request military transcripts be sent to the attention of the BAAS Office, Midwestern State University. Be sure to view the checklist that outlines the documents you will need to provide. Copies of documents can be sent to us through fax, email, or mail. **Please include your request for an evaluation, name, home mailing address, daytime phone numbers, and email address on all pages of correspondence.** Let us know if you

have previously attended Midwestern State University. When you receive your degree plan, contact our office so that we may review it with you.

If this sounds like a program that might be of interest to you please take the time to view the program information at our BAAS homepage: <http://www.mwsu.edu/academics/education/baas/>. The information provided may answer general questions about the degree. Also, visit the university's website: [www.mwsu.edu](http://www.mwsu.edu). At the university website you can apply for admission, get tuition and financial aid information, and learn more about Midwestern State University and Wichita Falls, Texas!

After viewing the information please contact us with any additional questions you might have regarding the BAAS degree.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**\*Helpful links for the admission process:**

Apply online: <http://mwsu.edu/admissions/apply> (you will be applying "Midwestern State University" then "College of Education". Your major will be: "Applied Arts and Sciences")  
Admission Requirements: <http://www.mwsu.edu/admissions/requirements>  
Tuition and Fees: <http://www.mwsu.edu/busoffice/tuition-and-fee-rates>  
Business Office: <http://www.mwsu.edu/busoffice/>  
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences: <http://www.mwsu.edu/academics/education/baas/>  
Registrar information: <http://www.mwsu.edu/registrar/index>  
Financial Aid: <http://www.mwsu.edu/finaid/>  
Veteran's Affairs: <http://www.mwsu.edu/registrar/veterans/>