

Applied Arts and Sciences

The purpose of the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) is to offer students with formal training in a vocational-technical studies area the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree without the significant loss of credits that normally occurs in pursuing a traditional degree. This program is especially appropriate for graduates of an Associate of Applied Science program. The degree is designed to afford both academic and professional depth to individuals who possess recognized competence in an occupational or technical field. It is designed to offer flexibility that will permit tailoring the program to the student's background and educational objectives.

The student must complete a baccalaureate degree plan (120 semester hours minimum) consisting of 36 residence hours, plus transfer credit.

- a. **General Education and Electives** (minimum 42 semester hours): The General Education component of 42 hours is made up of freshman and sophomore-level courses which meet each of the criteria identified by the university as important aspects of a general education as described under "General Requirements for Graduation with a Baccalaureate Degree" in an earlier section of this catalog.
- b. **Area of Specialization** (18-48 semester hours): Credits toward the area of specialization may be earned from junior or community colleges, vocational or technical schools, and armed forces schools whose work can be equated to vocational/technical schools. Courses will be transferred from these entities to TAMUK at the first-year (BAAS 1300) or second-year (BAAS 2300) level.
- c. **Professional Development** (30 semester hours): The courses taken in this area are to be chosen to provide academic depth and breadth to the area of specialization and, in addition, afford substantive developmental knowledge in the student's professional career goals. The component focuses on areas of learning directly related to upward mobility and further extends a student's knowledge, skill and expertise. The professional development sequence of 30 semester hours will be selected from human science, criminology, industrial management and technology, psychology, sociology or another approved professional area. The professional sequence will be tailored to each student's needs by structured counseling.
- d. **Advanced Work:** Within the above requirements, candidates for the B.A.A.S. degree must have a minimum of 36 semester hours of advance course work.

Students must meet all requirements associated with their course selection. For more information, contact the College of Arts and Sciences, (361) 593-2761.

Applied Arts and Sciences, B.A.A.S.

BAAS 1300 Vocational/Technical Topic 1-3 SCH (1-3)

Selected topics at a introductory level not currently available in existing courses. May be repeated under different topic. This course cannot be used for academic credit. It cannot be transferred to other institutions, nor does it stand as basic coursework or stemwork towards a master's degree. Prerequisite: Approval from BAAS Advisor.

BAAS 2300 Vocational/Technical Topic 1-3 SCH (1-3)

Selected topics at a second-year level not currently available in existing courses. May be repeated under different topic. This course cannot be used for academic credit. It cannot be transferred to other institutions, nor does it stand as basic coursework or stemwork towards a master's degree. Prerequisite: Approval from BAAS Advisor.

Major

- Agribusiness, B.A.A.S.
- Criminal Justice, B.A.A.S.
- Criminology, B.A.A.S.
- Human Development and Family Studies, B.A.A.S.
- Occupational Safety and Health, B.A.A.S.
- Psychology, B.A.A.S.
- Sociology, B.A.A.S.