

## The BAAS Degree with Liberal Arts Concentration

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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.

**Occupational Specialty - 24-39 semester hours**, and any additional hours necessary to meet the 120-hour university requirement. Credits toward an area of coherent specialization may be earned from community colleges, this university and other senior institutions, workforce education, vocational or technical schools, armed forces schools, work experiences, and nontraditional 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 work experience related to the student's occupational specialty up to a maximum of 6 hours. Credit for nontraditional 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 when the student has completed at least nine hours in the BAAS program.

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**Computer Science - 3 semester hours**

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**[Academic Foundations and Core Curriculum - 42 semester hours](#)**

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**The Liberal Arts Concentration - 36 advanced semester hours**

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- [BAAS 4113 - Capstone Project](#) 3

33 advanced semester hours from the following:

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- 30 advanced hours from the [Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#); and
- 3 hours of electives

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The BAAS Liberal Arts Concentration student may submit a petition to the BAAS program for permission to apply appropriate additional courses to fulfill the above 36 semester hour curriculum.