ATTENTION! !

Degree Plan
- Review it frequently
- Fill in completed classes
- Sign & return final degree plan
- Ask questions!

Writing Proficiency Requirement (WPR)
- Satisfy requirement between 60-90 hours
- Communication core completed
- Essay writing exam or ENGL 2113
- Graduation requirement!
- March 3-7, 2020

Graduation Audit
Apply for graduation audit two semesters before your projected date to avoid graduation delays and surprises.

Concurrent Enrollment
Required if enrolled at two different schools during the same semester.

NEW Course Drop Policy/Instructions
For any student who drops a course during the semester, face-face and online.

The American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) is dedicated to the belief that lifelong learning contributes to human fulfillment and positive social change. The mission of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) is to provide leadership in the field of adult and continuing education by expanding opportunities for adult growth and development; unifying adult educators; fostering the development and dissemination of theory, research, information, and best practices; promoting identity and standards for the profession; and advocating relevant public policy and social change initiatives. Please visit this site to learn more about the field of adult education!

2020 Summer and Fall Semesters Early Advising and Registration Approaching!

We are quickly approaching the early advising and registration season for summer and fall 2020! We anticipate the schedules to be released mid-March and early registration to begin first or second week of April.

*Check Registrar’s Home page to confirm registration dates/times.

BAAS Advising and Registration Instructions
- Print BAAS Course Schedule at our BAAS Homepage
- Review your BAAS degree plan, and update as needed
- Email the BAAS Advisor(s) the courses you are interested in taking

During early advising/registration you can register for both summer and fall semesters. We advise you to do so and set your schedule through the fall, as the courses fill fast. At the onset of regular registration, many of the courses are filled. Payment is due at the onset of the respective semester. Please email the advisor courses you are interested. She will lift the advising hold and email confirmation that your hold is lifted. Other advising issues will also be addressed in the email. Please call if you have questions or concerns!
August and December 2019 BAAS Grads!

Barron Jr., Jose Luis
Bates, Brianne Jeanell
Becker, Eli Evert
Bell, Michael S.
Bill, Virginia
Bode, Larenda Brooke
Boydston, Baileigh Deanna
Comer, Sandra Lynne
Davis, Marcus Allen
DeYoung, Brandon William
Deas, William Rivers, III
Dirickson, Jennifer
Fincannon, Kayla Shay
Garcia, Cheyann Belle
Glidewell, Julia Ruth
Graham, Ineke Michelle
Gray, Corey Lyle
Haggerty, De'Quaan' Ahmad
Hayes, Kevin Anthony
Keck, Anthony Lee
Maldonado, Joseph Daniel
Martinez, Alannah Renee
Martinez, Jonathan Felix
McKee, Danielle Nichole
Mendez, Monique Alicia
Miller, Chelsea Dominique
Moore, Daszia Akilah
Moore, Emmanuel Renard
Ojeda, Gregory M.
Orozco, Raymond
Patino, Cynthia
Pollock, Gregory A.
Ponder, Lindsey Renee
Putnam, Michael Clifton
Reeves, Craig Lee
Rodgers-Tomeo, Sandra L.
Rodriguez, Raul Sergio
Sanders, Andrea Jordan
Slimp, Casey
Smart, Joseph Scott
Smith, Christopher Allen
Smith, Jesse Dale
Stringer, Wesley Allen
Tisdale, Lauren Anne
Truong, Ngoc Bao
Vroom, Karsyn Leigh
Weatherly, Kami Denise
Weaver, William Jerry

Request Transcript?
# Dates and Timeframes

## Dates for 2020 Summer/Fall Terms

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## Important Dates for Spring 2020

- Jan 18 – Classes begin
- Jan 20 – MLK Day – No classes
- Feb 3– Official Enrollment Date
- Mar 14-22 – Spring Break
- Mar 23 – Classes Resume
- Mar 30 - Last day to drop for “W” grade
- Apr 8-12 – Easter Break
- Apr 13 - Classes Resume
- May 8– Last day of classes
- May 9-14 – Final Exams
- May 16 – Commencement

## File for Graduation Two Semesters Early!

The Graduation Audit is the final clearance on meeting ALL university requirements for graduation. Because of the complexity of our BAAS degree plan, nontraditional hours accepted, and abundance of transfer hours utilized, it takes the Registrar longer to work with our audits. BAAS students are requested to file for graduation two semesters before their planned graduation date, despite the imposed graduation deadline at the Registrar’s page. Filing early allows time for the audit to be returned BEFORE your last semester enrolled. Normally, it takes 4-6 months for the audit to be returned. Filing early is good academic planning. Your advisor has time to double check hours to ensure you are not enrolled in too many or too few hours, request transcripts or substitutes, coordinate paperwork which might need signatures, and ease your mind about graduation! When students file early they can ensure peace of mind about their graduation!

**Graduating May 2020?** You should have your graduation audit, if you filed early. The absolute deadline to file is February 17, 2020.

**Graduating Aug 2020?** You should have already filed for graduation and satisfied the Writing Proficiency Requirement. We hope to have your audit returned before summer I begins (if you filed early). If you have not already filed, please do so today!

**Graduating December 2020?** File for graduation as soon as the December 2020 graduation date is available at the Registrar’s page. Ensure that you have satisfied the Writing Proficiency Requirement. We want the audit returned before the fall semester begins.

[Apply for Graduation](#)
Course and D2L Information and Updates

BAAS 4113, Capstone Project, is a mandatory senior-level course designed to help you assess your educational experiences in relation to career, professional, and personal goals; and the application of educational concepts to those goals. Reflection, self-assessment, references to previous learning, contextual and purposeful writing, and critical analyses are all vital and integrative components of this Capstone experience. You will complete this course in your last, or second to last, semester enrolled at MSU. August graduates will complete this course in the spring, or during summer I. This course is not offered during summer II so you will need to plan for it in advance.

As graduating seniors you are demonstrating your knowledge, and readiness for acceptance of a bachelor’s degree. You should now have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to research, locate, and utilize resources needed to assist you in completing your assignments. A collegial, scholarly, and mature approach to topics, assignments, and class discussions is expected. You will be expected to integrate and apply learning gleaned from previous coursework, and assignments, and connect those learning experiences to your professional, academic, and personal goals. Each assignment builds on the next to synthesize into the final Capstone Research Paper. This Capstone Course is all about you!

Brightspace Pulse - Available on iPhone, iPad, and Android™ devices. This is a mobile app that helps students keep track of important updates. It brings news, deadlines, and grades together in one place so they can spend less time organizing and more time learning.

Help students prepare.
They can check their upcoming readings, assignments, and tests quickly to make better decisions about how to handle their workload. Weekly calendar view shows the busiest times at a glance.
- Full schedule view displays every important date and deadline
- Personal events and milestones can also be added

Improve productivity.
App notifications keep students up to date with course news and can even let them know when the latest grades are available.
Notifications include announcements, new course content, and more
- Class discussions can be read and replied to right within the app
- Swipe-to-reveal gestures let students check grades when they’re ready

Remain connected.
Pulse is available on iPhone, iPad, and Android™ devices and provides seamless login to the Brightspace Learning Environment. Students can stay connected with their courses anytime they’re on campus, at home, or on the move.

See a video about the Pulse app in action [Here].
Mission of the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Program at Midwestern State University—Texas

As an Adult Completion Degree, the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Degree offers adult learners the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree through an expeditious and direct pathway. The multidisciplinary approach of the BAAS degree builds on adult learners’ backgrounds and experiences and allows flexibility and personalization in selecting courses that match academic, career, and personal goals.

Many BAAS students continue on to graduate school after the completion of their bachelor’s degree. Midwestern State University has several graduate school programs for students to consider. There are some fully online options for working adult students, such as Human Resource Development, Sport Administration, Criminal Justice, and Health Services Administration. You can see more information on all of the programs available at the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School website.

If you are considering teaching, MSU has an alternative certification preparation program, msUteach. This program prepares adults with a bachelor’s degree to become certified teachers in the state of Texas. The msUteach program is online and self-paced and a great option for those who want to work in the classroom.

"Education is not preparation for life; it is life itself."  
John Dewey