

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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The College of Professional Studies and Community Outreach offers programs of study leading to baccalaureate and associate degrees as listed below:

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Professional Studies
(Areas of Concentration)
Agriculture Business
Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Education
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Information Technology
Public Relations

Accelerated Degree Program

Associate of Science

Early Childhood Education

Transfer Students

Applicability of transfer credit to meet specific degree requirements depends on the major selected by the transfer student. The transfer student should review the Transfer Credit policy in the Admission section of this catalog and meet with their academic advisor to determine final transfer credit eligibility for the selected program of study.

Bachelor of Professional Studies

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The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) degree is a unique program which offers a flexible degree completion path addressing the needs of particular target groups:

- Students graduating from community colleges
- Adults pursuing full-time careers or raising their families
- Degree “stop-outs” who began but never completed a bachelor’s degree
- Individuals who have accumulated hours that cannot be applied toward a specific major
- Entering freshmen seeking maximum diversity for career decisions.

The degree’s focus is to successfully prepare graduates for entry or advancement in government, nonprofit, corporate, or industrial careers. The curriculum is designed to enhance workplace skills such as planning, organizational behavior, ethics, needs assessment, problem solving, communications, human resources, and technology applications.

Students may select one of the following concentration areas: agriculture business, early childhood education, information technology, industrial/organizational psychology, criminal justice, or public relations. The degree will follow the same guidelines as all other bachelor’s degrees in requiring 37 hours of general education coursework and a minimum of 40 hours of upper division courses.

Curriculum in Professional Studies

Degree Completion Plan Beginning in Fall Semester							
Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall	Spring			Fall	Spring		
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Humanities ^{1, T}	3
Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	ENGL 2053 ^T	3	Specialty Course	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	SPH 2003 ^T	3	Technical Course ^{2, T}	3
Specialty Course	3	MATH 1113 ^T	3	Specialty Course	3	U.S. History ^{1, T}	3
COMS 1003 or BUAD 2003 ^T	3	Specialty Course	6	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3
				BUAD 2053 or MATH 2163 ^T	3	WS 1002 ^{1, T}	2
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	19	Total Hours	18	Total Hours	17
Junior				Senior			
Fall	Spring			Fall	Spring		
Specialty Course	3	Technical Courses ^{2, T}	6	PS 3003	3	PS 4006	6
PSY 3093	3	Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3	Technical Courses ²	6	Technical Courses ²	9
Technical Courses ^{2, T}	6	PS 3023	3	Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3		
Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3						
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	12	Total Hours	12	Total Hours	15
Degree Completion Plan Beginning in Spring Semester							
Freshman				Sophomore			
Spring		Fall		Spring		Fall	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Humanities ^{1, T}	3
Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	ENGL 2053 ^T	3	Specialty Course	3
Social Science ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	SPH 2003 ^T	3	Technical Courses ^{2, T}	3
Specialty Course	3	MATH 1113 ^T	3	Specialty Course	3	U.S. HIST ^{1, T}	3
COMS 1003 or BUAD 2003 ^T	3	Specialty Courses ²	6	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3
				BUAD 2053 or MATH 2163 ^T	3	WS 1002 ^{1, T}	2
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	19	Total Hours	18	Total Hours	17
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Technical Courses ^{2, T}	6	PSY 3093	3	Elective (3000-4000 Level)	3		
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Total Hours	15	Total Hours	12	Total Hours	12	Total Hours	15

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 88.

²Technical courses taken as part of an associate degree or from a community college may be transferred into the BPS degree.

³At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000-4000 level courses; no more than 30 hours of electives towards the degree may be taken from the College of Business.

^T Designates a block of courses that would provide for a seamless transfer into this program if equivalent courses are taken at another college or university.

Specialty/Concentration Areas:

Early Childhood Education: 18 hours
Take: ECED 2001 and ECED 2002 (concurrent enrollment); ECED 3023 and ECED 3033 (concurrent enrollment); EDMD 3013, MATH 2033, and BIOL 3213.

Information Technology: 19 hours
Take: COMS 1333, COMS 1403, COMS 1411, COMS 2003, COMS 2233, COMS 2700, COMS 2703, and 3 hours COMS elective credit.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology: 19 hours
Take: PSY 2003, PSY 2053, PSY 2074 and 9 hours from the following: PSY 2023, PSY 3093, PSY 4033, PSY 4043, PSY 4234.

Criminal Justice: 18 hours
Take: CJ 2003, CJ 2043, CJ 3023, CJ/RS 3063, CJ 3103, and CJ 3153.

Public Relations: 18 hours
Take: SPH 3033, SPH 4153, JOUR 3173, JOUR 4173, JOUR 3273, and COMS 2003.

Agriculture Business: 18 hours
Take: AGBU 2063, AGBU 2073, AGBU 3133, AGBU 4013, AGBU 4003, and AGBU 4023.

Accelerated Degree Program (ADP)

The Bachelor of Professional Studies degree can be delivered as an Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). The accelerated delivery format is designed to ease the financial, time, and geographic constraints adults may face when contemplating a baccalaureate program.

Students who enter the program with a minimum of 60 transferable credits and completion of the required general education courses, should be able to complete the remainder of the degree requirements within an 18-month period.

Under the guidance of advisors who understand the unique needs of the adult learner, the ADP allows each student to complete the necessary hours for the degree within a convenient yet directed scheduling format.

Early Childhood Education Associate of Science

The Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Education is structured to provide a seamless acquisition of academic requirements for various career levels in occupations related to child care and early childhood education in the public and private sectors. The early childhood education courses provide the academic requirements for meeting assessment guidelines for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The general education courses can be applied toward the Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

Curriculum in Early Childhood Education Suggested Sequence of Courses

	Freshman		Sophomore				
Fall	Spring		Fall	Spring			
ENGL 1013	3	ENGL 1023	3	ART 2123	3	POLS 2003	3
Mathematics ¹	3	PHSC 1013	3	HIST 2003 or 2013	3	ECE 2991-9 ²	9
BIOL 1014	4	PHSC 1021	1	Humanities ¹	3		
SOC 1003	3	PE 2513	3	ECE 2513	3		
ECE 2312	2	WS 1002	2	ECE 2613	3		
ECE 2112	2	ECE 2212	2				
		GEOG 2013	3				
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	17	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	12

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²Enrollment must be approved by advisor.