

# PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree will provide students who have earned an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in any discipline a seamless transition to the online B.A.S. degree. Additionally, the program of study is appropriate for:

- Students graduating from community colleges with credentials other than an A.A.S. degree
- 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.

Students complete the necessary hours for the degree within a convenient yet directed scheduling format under the guidance of advisors who understand the unique needs of the adult learner.

This stackable education sequence enhances an individual's academic qualifications and increases potential career upward mobility. The degree design maximizes earned hours; a student with an A.A.S. degree must complete 66 hours to earn the B.A.S. degree (26 hours General Education/40 hours Degree Requirements).

To maximize credentialing opportunities, a student in the B.A.S. program may earn the Certificate by completing the first 15 hours of Professional Studies courses in the program.

### Learning Objectives for the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree:

- Communication: Proficiency of written communication skills for a variety of audiences.
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Analyzing and evaluating evidence to deliver data-driven solutions.
- Analytical Skills: Developing conclusions through quantitative and qualitative reasoning.
- Ethics: Applying ethical principles in personal, professional, and societal contexts.
- Diversity: Demonstrating understanding and consideration of diverse cultural perspectives and intercultural complexities.
- Teamwork: Demonstrating teamwork fundamentals through participation and engagement.
- Technical Expertise: Demonstrating proficiency in project management, computer literacy, technology, financial management, and knowledge application.
- Leadership and Management: Applying leadership and management strategies in professional settings, to include human resources management, conflict management, and conflict resolution.

### Program of Study (BAS)

All bachelor’s degrees at Arkansas Tech University require 35 hours of general education coursework and a minimum of 40 hours of upper division courses, and 120 total hours. Additionally, at least 30 hours must be earned at Arkansas Tech University.

General Education coursework or enrollment in courses as needed: 35 hours

### Required Core

PSY 3093  
 OL 3023 / PS 3023  
 OL 3133 / PS 3133  
 OL 4043  
 OL 4443 / PS 4443  
 OL 4543 / PS 4543  
 OL 4643 / PS 4643 *or*  
 OL 4743 / PS 4743  
 BAS 4253  
 BAS 4353  
 BAS 4363  
 BAS 4453  
 BAS 4553  
 BAS 4653  
 BAS 4751

### Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

### Freshman

Fall	Credits
ENGL 1013 <sup>1</sup>	3
PSY 2003	3
Electives	9
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	Credits
ENGL 1023 <sup>1</sup>	3
Electives	12
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Sophomore**

Fall	Credits
MATH XXXX <sup>1</sup>	3
Electives	12
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	Credits
CM 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	3
Electives	12
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Junior**

Fall	Credits
FAH 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	3
SS 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	3
SCIL 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	4
OL 3023/PS 3023	3
OL 4043	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	Credits
FAH 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	3
USHG 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	3
SCIL 1XXX <sup>1</sup>	4
OL 3133/PS 3133	3
PSY 3093	3

Spring	Credits
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

**Senior**

Fall	Credits
BAS 4353	3
OL 4443/PS 4443	3
OL 4543/PS 4543	3
OL 4643/PS 4643 or OL 4743/PS 4743	3
BAS 4253	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	Credits
BAS 4363	3
BAS 4453	3
BAS 4553	3
BAS 4653	3
BAS 4751	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>13</b>

<sup>1</sup>See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "[General Education Requirements](#)".