

# BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES: PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences: Professional Studies Concentration</b>		
General Education Requirements (Core Curriculum/Degree Specific Requirements) <sup>1</sup>		42
Major (A.A.S. degree - in-block transfer courses) <sup>2</sup>		36
<b>Concentration: Professional Studies</b>		
Select two courses from each section:		18
<b>Communication and Writing</b>		
COMS 2382 or COMS 3386	Communication for Business & the Professions Learning to Listen: A Key Communication Competency	
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication	
COMS 3379 or ENGL 3377	Freedom of Speech and Civic Communication Argument and Persuasion	
ENGL 3330 or SOCI 2399	Introduction to Technical Writing Writing in Sociology	
HSTY 3300	Historian's Craft	
<b>Ethics and Leadership</b>		
COMS 3375	Strategic Organizational Communication	
PHIL 4363 or PHIL 4333 or PHIL 4334	Ethical Theories Bioethics Environmental Ethics	
POLS 3302	Introduction to Public Policy	
PSYC 4392	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
SOCI 3305	Introduction to Community Leadership	
<b>Problem Solving</b>		
COMS 3392	Risk Communication	
HSTY 3392	Historiography	
POLS 3302 or POLS 3335	Introduction to Public Policy Political Ethnic Minorities and Gender	
SOCI 3370 or SOCI 3371	Research Methods in Sociology Qualitative Methods	
SOCI 3372 or SOCI 3373	Demographic Techniques Social Program Evaluation	
WOLC 4363	Language Learning: Concepts & Methods	
<b>Prescribed Electives</b>		
Advanced CHSS Electives <sup>3</sup>		12
<b>Emphasis <sup>4</sup></b>		9
<b>Professional Writing</b>		
ENGL 3331	Developing AI Literacy and Writing for Community Impact	
ENGL 3378	Document Design	
ENGL 4330	Public and Professional Writing	
<b>Public Service and Nonprofit Leadership</b>		
HSTY 3301	Public History	
POLS 3336	The Presidency and Executives	
POLS 3339	Nonprofit Organizations	
POLS 3393	Social Policy	
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	

## Life Skills and Well-Being

COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication
HSTY 3345	History of Medicine
PSYC 2315	Psychology Of Adjustment
or PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology
or PSYC 3374	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 3385	Health Psychology
or SOCI 3365	Sociology Of Health & Illness
SOCI 3354	Sociology of the Life Course

## Culture and Global Awareness

COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication
ENGL 3364	Folklore
or ENGL 3338	Studies in Multicultural Literature
or ENGL 3363	Mythology
or ENGL 3388	Texas Crossroads
HSTY 3369	Boomers to Zoomers
POLS 3365	Introduction to Comparative Politics
SOCI 3383	Sociology of Latin America
Select no more than one of the following WOLC courses: <sup>5</sup>	
ARAB 3380	The Contemporary Arab World
DSSL 3310	Deaf Culture
FREN 3380	French Culture & Civilization
GERM 2364	Multicultures of American-German
GERM 3380	Modern German Culture
SPAN 3380	Spanish Culture & Civilization
SPAN 3385	Spanish American Culture and Civilization

## Internship or Capstone or Practicum

Select one course from the following:

COMS 4378	Internship In Communication Studies
ENGL 4350	Technical Writing Internship
HSTY 3302	Applied Public History
INTG 3301	Integrated Studies Career Paths
POLS 4094	Political Science Internship
SOCI 4379	Internship In Applied Sociology
WOLC 3061	Individual Readings

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**Minor: Not Required**<sup>6,7</sup>**Total Hours****120**<sup>1</sup> Preferred Core Curriculum (General Education) Courses:

- PHIL 2306 Contemporary Moral Issues (Component Area IV)
- PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking (Component Area VIII) or PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology (Component Area VIII) or SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology (Component Area VIII)
- SOCI 2319 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (Component Area IX) or COMS 1361 Public Speaking (Component Area IX)

<sup>2</sup> A maximum of 66 semester credit hours are transferable. Additional hours may be needed to meet the total 120 SCH requirement. Students may transfer up to 36 SCH of WECM coursework from their A.A.S. degree. For more detailed information concerning General Education, Major, requirements, and transferable courses, please contact the Sam Center.<sup>3</sup> Advanced Elective courses must be housed in a department within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.<sup>4</sup> Students select 9 SCH from their chosen Emphasis.<sup>5</sup> A maximum of one course (3 SCH) can be chosen from the World Languages and Cultures option.<sup>6</sup> A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours may be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.<sup>7</sup> All minors can be paired with this degree program.

**Notes**

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Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

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**First Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) <sup>1, 2</sup>		15 Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) <sup>1, 2</sup>	15
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
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**Third Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core Curriculum (General Education) <sup>1</sup>		3 Core Curriculum (General Education) <sup>1</sup>	3
Professional Studies Concentration: Communication and Writing <sup>3</sup>		6 Emphasis <sup>4</sup>	6
Professional Studies Concentration: Ethics and Leadership <sup>3</sup>		6 Professional Studies Concentration: Problem Solving <sup>3</sup>	6
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced CHSS Electives <sup>5</sup>		9 Advanced CHSS Electives <sup>5</sup>	3
Core Curriculum (General Education) <sup>1</sup>		3 Core Curriculum (General Education) <sup>1</sup>	3
Emphasis <sup>4</sup>		3 Internship, Capstone, or Practicum <sup>6</sup>	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>

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<sup>3</sup> Select two courses from each section in the below Professional Studies Concentration table.

<sup>4</sup> Students select 9 SCH from their chosen Emphasis. In addition, a maximum of one course (3 SCH) can be chosen from the World Languages and Cultures option.

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<sup>6</sup> Select one course from the below Internship/Capstone/Practicum table.

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The BAAS: Professional Studies Concentration is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Strategic professional communication.
- Applied research and data-informed decision making.
- Ethical and organizational leadership.
- Cross-cultural and civic competence.
- Problem solving in complex human systems.