

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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The B.A.A.S. in Professional Studies is available for students who transfer into TWU from a community college with a minimum of 15 semester credit hours (SCH) of WECM (workforce education) and a minimum of 12 SCH of academic courses. Coursework must be completed prior to transfer. To complete the B.A.A.S. degree at TWU, students will complete any additional core curriculum courses required for a four-year degree, *18 SCH in a professional development concentration area, 18 SCH in an interdisciplinary minor or certificate program, and any electives needed in order to complete the 120 SCH needed for graduation; 36 upper-level SCH will be required.

Any student admitted to TWU for completion of the B.A.A.S. in Professional Studies who decides to change majors outside of applied degree areas will be required to submit a new application for admission. In such cases, technical SCH transferred to TWU may be removed from the TWU transcript.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Communicate effectively.
2. Collaborate with others to solve complex problems.
3. Use analytical reasoning to determine strategies for best practices.
4. Network within multiple industries for leadership and professional development.
5. Apply creative ideas to everyday situations.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Concentration Area and Minor/Certificate Requirement: 18 SCH

Program Code: PROFSTUDIES.BAAS; **CIP Code:** 52.0101.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

Completed Certificate/AAS

Code	Title	SCHs
Electives transferred		15-45
Total SCHs		15-45

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
Choose 15 SCH		15
BUS 3163	Business Communications	
BUS 3513	Professional Presentation Strategies	
ENG 3123	Creative Writing	
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition	
ENG 3233	Advanced Expository Writing	
ENG 3253	Technical Writing	
ENG 3433	Professional Writing	
HIST 4233	Global Issues and Trends	
HS 3363	History and Principles of Health Education	
HS 4553	Stress Management Techniques	
PHIL 3053	Ethics	
PHIL 3073	Bioethics	
POLS 3063	Women in Politics	
POLS 3153	Law, Politics, and Public Policy	
POLS 3393	Gender, Identity, and the Law	
POLS 4113	Public Administration	
POLS 4133	Women in Leadership	
PSY 3733	Psychology of Women	
PSY 3933	Positive Psychology	
PSY 4013	Health Psychology	
PSY 4053	Survey of Counseling	
PSY 4073	Survey of Family Psychology	
PSY 4183	Global Perspectives in Psychology	
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality	
SOCI 3093	Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States	

SOCI 3483	Developing Societies	
WS 3023	U.S. Women of Colors	
WS 3083	Ethics and Feminism	
WS 3213	Woman's Roles	
WS 4493	Feminist Theory	
MDS 4003	Multidisciplinary Studies Capstone	3
Total SCHs		18

Must complete 15 SCH of coursework from one of the following options

Option 1: Interdisciplinary Studies Minor

- Race and Ethnic Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/sociology/minors/>)
- General Science (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/biology/minors/>)
- Global Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/>)
- Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/womens-studies/minors/>)

Option 2: Business Minor

- Business Administration (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/management-marketing/minors/>)
- Management (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/management-marketing/minors/>)
- Entrepreneurship (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/management-marketing/minors/>)
- Human Resource Management (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/management-marketing/minors/>)
- Marketing (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/management-marketing/minors/>)

Option 3: Certificate Program

- Business Leadership (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/business/certificates/>)
- Science, Society, and Sustainability (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/certificates/>)

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year			
Fall		TCCN	SCHs
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
SCHs			15

Second Year			
Fall		TCCN	
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Mathematics Core Course			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
AAS Course			3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Literature, Philosophy, Language Core			3
SCHs			15
Third Year			
Fall		TCCN	
Professional Development Course			3
Professional Development Course			3
Minor or Certificate Course			3
Minor or Certificate Course			3
Social Behavioral Science Core			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
Professional Development Course			3
Professional Development Course			3
Minor or Certificate Course			3
Fine Arts Core			3
Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Core			3
SCHs			15
Fourth Year			
Fall		TCCN	
Professional Development Course			3
Interdisciplinary Minor or Certificate Course			3
Natural Science Core			3
Elective (Global Perspectives course)			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
MDS 4003	Multidisciplinary Studies Capstone		3
Professional Development Course			3
Interdisciplinary Minor or Certificate Course			3
Natural Science Core			3
Health and Wellness Core			3
SCHs			15
Total SCHs:			120