CREATIVE STUDIES, BAAS

By studying the transformative creations of others in the social, cultural, and historical contexts in which they were produced, you can nurture your own creative expression and develop a deeper understanding of the creative process in action. A concentration in Creative Studies offered by Penn LPS Online combines experiential and applied humanities through the study of the creative arts, expanding your ability to critically analyze, compare, and evaluate the meanings and significance of creativity as expressed across a variety of media. In this degree concentration, you engage in individual and collaborative creative writing and explore a range of creative accomplishments in fields including literature, cinema studies, theater, and other arts.

For more information: https://lpsonline.sas.upenn.edu/academics/bachelors-degree/baas-concentrations/creative-studies

Curriculum

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) recognizes the power of an applied liberal arts education to provide students with strong communication skills, understanding of different cultures and perspectives, and the ability to apply their knowledge to nuanced, complex scenarios with insight, perspective, and empathy.

Overview of degree requirements

30 course units are required for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree.

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BAAS students are only required to visit campus for two on-campus learning experiences, which may be as short as an extended weekend. In addition to course requirements, BAAS students complete a capstone project in their degree concentration as well as an e-portfolio.

Foundational requirements

The foundational requirements of the BAAS degree reflect the core competencies and values of Penn LPS Online: the skills and knowledge needed to understand and solve complex problems, the ability to communicate effectively with a wide variety of audiences and an appreciation for diverse cultures and traditions. Students can transfer a maximum of 4 course units of foundational courses from a regionally accredited institution. Our program team can also give a preliminary evaluation of transfer credits before students officially apply. Visit the Transfer Preparation & Policies page for more details.

Creative Studies Concentration

Select 6 courses from the following course blocks:

- Creative Writing course block
- Cinema Studies course block
- English Literature course block

Select 6 additional courses *

Total Course Units 12

* With input from an academic advisor (up to 3 courses can transfer with advisor’s approval).

Electives

Electives are courses that do not apply toward your foundational or degree concentration requirements. You may choose to deepen your field of study by taking additional classes within your concentration, develop a new skill by completing all of the courses within a course block outside of your degree concentration, or discover new interests and abilities by taking individual courses that appeal to your interests. Students choose...
10 electives from any of Penn LPS Online’s areas of study. Transfer students can apply a maximum of 8 course units from a regionally accredited institution toward this requirement.

**E-portfolio and capstone requirements**
Throughout the BAAS degree, students draw on their coursework to build a digital collection of materials, or e-portfolio. The e-portfolio is a powerful tool to ensure that academic studies are aligned with professional, personal and academic goals. Developing the e-portfolio provides students with the opportunity to reflect on selected assignments and how they can be applied to the broader context of their current and future careers. Students can share their e-portfolios with prospective and current employers to provide evidence of the skills and knowledge they have developed through coursework.

One advanced course in each concentration will require students to complete a final project, or capstone, in which they integrate learning and skills from across the full concentration. Capstone projects will be graded as a requirement of the course and also will serve as the final culminating artifact for students’ e-portfolios. Students will have the option to come to campus to present their final projects and receive face-to-face feedback from fellow students as well as the course instructor. Students who choose this option can use it to fulfill their elective on-campus learning experience requirement.

**On-campus learning experience requirements**
BAAS students are only required to visit campus for two on-campus learning experiences, which may be as short as an extended weekend. These face-to-face instructional experiences have been developed to provide students with opportunities for engagement with the Penn campus, while also providing students with choices for the experiences that best fit into their own schedules.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2021 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.