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Introduction

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service is composed of seven academic departments and several centers and institutes. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs focus primarily on applied behavioral and social sciences. Degree programs are designed to integrate theory and practice and include a strong emphasis on student participation in the Dallas–Fort Worth region and beyond. The college offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Further information on graduate degrees is available in the *Graduate Catalog*.

Programs are offered in gerontology, anthropology, applied economics, behavior analysis, criminal justice, emergency administration and planning, public administration, rehabilitation, social work and sociology. The college also sponsors public service programs.

Degree programs in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service require specific courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum (see “University Core Curriculum Requirements” in the Academics section of this catalog) to satisfy particular degree requirements.

Students may consult academic advisors for a list of required courses. Students may be required to take extra courses if they fail to take these courses.

Academic Advising

Students who select a major leading to an undergraduate degree within the College of Public Affairs and Community Service should contact the Office of Student Services regarding advising.

Advisors help students select courses and answer questions concerning degree plans, application of transfer credit, individual career needs, and general academic requirements, policies and procedures.

Programs of Study

The school offers programs in the following areas:

- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences,
- Bachelor of Arts,
- Bachelor of Science,
- Bachelor of Social Work,
- Master of Arts,
- Master of Science,
- Master of Public Administration, and
- Doctor of Philosophy.

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences is offered with a major in applied arts or applied sciences, depending on the professional concentration chosen. Degree requirements for a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences usually include completion of an occupational specialization in a junior or community college.

Two approaches can be taken to design an acceptable Applied Arts and Sciences degree program. The first is for the candidate to plan a program, with a PACS academic advisor, to meet a specific interest not met by any specific degree program available through the traditional disciplines, making use of existing courses from several disciplines.

Under the second approach, students may pursue one of several interdisciplinary themes that build upon existing junior or community college associate degree programs, including the following:

- Health Information Management
- Human Services
- Legal Information Management
- Organizational Development

Degree Requirements and the University Core Curriculum

Occasionally a course required for a degree may also satisfy a requirement of the University Core Curriculum. In addition to taking the required course, a student may elect to take a different course from among those available to fulfill that core

requirement; doing so, however, may add to the total number of hours required for the degree. Students who have questions regarding degree requirements and core requirements should consult an academic advisor.

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

This 120-hour degree program is specifically designed for students who wish to complete a bachelor's degree after completing an occupational specialization or applied science program in a community college or a four-year college or university.

The program capitalizes on the unique resources and opportunities of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service to provide an interdisciplinary professional development curriculum designed to meet specific career needs of the individual student. The program is administered by the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, and interested students should contact the college's advising office for more information.

Degree Requirements for the BAAS

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service requirements.

2. Major Requirements:

Occupational Specialization, 21 Hours:

Comprises courses related to a specific occupation, field or subject. The occupational specialization typically consists of field-specific course work completed for an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree at a community college. Active-duty military or veterans may receive credit for technical or other formal training courses under this component of the degree plan. Other students who have not completed an occupational specialization through courses taken in a community college or in the military may create one by selecting a primary area of study.

Professional Foundations, 9 Hours: Specific courses from the College of Public Affairs and Community Service approved by the BAAS program director that teach students to locate and analyze information effectively, to function more effectively with diverse groups of people, and to work well within organizational systems. A minimum 2.0 grade point average is required for the professional foundations component. Students must earn a C or better in each of the courses in this component to receive credit toward the degree.

Professional Development Concentrations, 36 Hours:

Consists of three separate multidisciplinary concentrations that serve to enhance the skills a student has already acquired through a technical or associate's degree or which are complimentary themes of interest. Requires completion of 36 hours in three separate concentrations of 12 hours each:

- **Concentration I:** 12 semester hours of course work from one of the disciplines in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service and approved by the BAAS Program Director (addictions studies, applied anthropology, applied gerontology, applied economics, applied behavior analysis, criminal justice, emergency administration and planning, nonprofit management, public administration, rehabilitation studies, social work, sociology or volunteer management).
- **Concentration II:** 12 semester hours approved by the BAAS program director.
- **Concentration III:** 12 semester hours approved by the BAAS program director.

3. **Minor Requirements:** None required.

4. **Electives:** Varies with individual program. Any approved UNT courses the student and advisor deem appropriate to the degree may be selected. Caution must be exercised to ensure the student fulfills the university requirement of 42 hours of advanced-level course work.

5. Other Requirements:

- a total of 42 hours of upper-division work; and
- at least 24 hours of upper-division work in residence.

Note: A lower-level transfer course that is determined to be equivalent to a UNT upper-level course does not satisfy the requirement for advanced hours.

Bachelor of Arts

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts must meet the following requirements.

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service requirements.

2. **Major Requirements:** Completion of all requirements for a major as specified by the respective department.

3. **Other Course Requirements:** See individual program.

4. **Minor Requirements:** Completion of all requirements for a minor as specified by the respective department.
5. **Electives:** Varies with individual program. Any approved UNT courses the student and advisor deem appropriate to the degree may be selected. Caution must be exercised to ensure the student fulfills the university requirement of 42 hours of advanced-level course work.
6. **Other Requirements:** at least 24 hours of upper-division work in residence.

Bachelor of Science

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree include the following.

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree as specified in the “General University Requirements” in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service requirements.
2. **Major Requirements:** Completion of all requirements for a major as specified by the respective department.
3. **Other Course Requirements:** See individual program.
4. **Minor Requirements:** A minor, where required, of not fewer than 18 hours, including 6 hours of advanced work.
5. **Electives:** Varies with individual program. Any approved UNT courses the student and advisor deem appropriate to the degree may be selected. Caution must be exercised to ensure the student fulfills the university requirement of 42 hours of advanced-level course work.
6. **Other Requirements:** at least 24 hours of upper-division work in residence.

Bachelor of Social Work

Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work degree include the following:

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work degree as specified in the “General University Requirements” in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service requirements.

2. **Major Requirements:** Completion of all requirements for a major as specified by the respective department.
3. **Other Course Requirements:** See individual program.
4. **Minor Requirements:** Completion of all requirements for a minor as specified by the respective department.
5. **Electives:** Any approved UNT courses the student and advisor deem appropriate to the degree may be selected. Caution must be exercised to ensure the student fulfills the university requirement of 42 hours of advanced-level course work.
6. **Other Requirements:** at least 24 hours of upper-division work in residence.

Courses of Instruction

All Courses of Instruction are located in one section at the back of this catalog.

Course and Subject Guide

The “Course and Subject Guide,” found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.