

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS/FIELD MAJOR/ GENERAL STUDIES DEGREES

If you want your degree to include coursework in more than one department, your needs may be met by earning a degree through the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). More information can be found on the LAS Advising Center website at [www.wichita.edu/advising](http://www.wichita.edu/advising).

In all of the degree choices listed below, students collaborate with an academic advisor and/or faculty advisor to select courses that demonstrate each student's interests within a liberal arts-based education. Call the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center in 115 Grace Wilkie Hall at 978-3700 for an appointment and to get started on planning your degree.

**The Associate of Arts** degree is available to all undergraduate students, including transfer students, who complete 65 total hours of credit, including at least 50 credits in Liberal Arts and Sciences courses, the 42 credits required for University General Education courses, and at least 15 hours of credit earned at WSU. Students must be enrolled in one of the 6 degree-granting colleges. The degree requires that students earn a minimum of 2.0 in the degree overall and a 2.0 in WSU coursework. No foreign language is required for the Associate of Arts degree. Many WSU students and transfer students earn this degree as part of their progress toward a 4-year baccalaureate degree. The AA degree may provide an employment advantage in a number of job settings.

**The Bachelor of Arts Field Major** degree allows you to build a program of study where the primary area can be any LAS department or concentration. Courses in the two additional areas may cross departmental or even college boundaries. Several pre-structured interdisciplinary field majors are offered by Liberal Arts and Sciences. Most field majors require foreign language competency. Students can choose Classical Studies, International Studies with a focus on a selected geographical area, International Studies with an International Business focus or Global Studies. Additional choices of field majors in Chemistry-Business or Bio-Chemistry do not require completion of a foreign language. This degree may provide pre-professional or non-traditional career students greater flexibility in planning academic progress toward a unique future.

**The Bachelor of General Studies** degree is similar to the Field Major (see description above), but the BGS does not require foreign language competency. The BGS degree combines three academic disciplines that may cross departmental or even college boundaries. The interdisciplinary nature of the BGS degree provides many applications in today's employment market, especially in positions that require a broad background of knowledge.

### **Admission**

Students earning these degrees are admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). The

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### **Related Opportunities**

Because of the breadth of these degrees, you should also participate in professional and departmental organizations and activities that demonstrate the usefulness of your selection of academic interests. Cooperative education, internships and directed studies can build a background for further education or employment.

As with all other academic areas, if you are eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

### **Related Programs**

Certificate programs are offered in a number of LAS departments, including: Applied or Strategic Communication - Elliott School of Communication, Asian Studies - Interdisciplinary LAS, Corrections-Criminal Justice, Film Studies-English, Forensic Criminology-Criminal Justice, Great Plain Studies (graduate and undergraduate) - Interdisciplinary LAS, Law Enforcement-Criminal Justice, Medieval and Renaissance Studies - Interdisciplinary LAS, Non-Profit Management (graduate only) Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs.

## **GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: [www.wichita.edu](http://www.wichita.edu). Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

### **For More Information**

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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Wichita, Kansas 67260-0124  
Telephone (316) 978-3085  
Toll-free (800) 362-2594  
[www.wichita.edu/admissions](http://www.wichita.edu/admissions)

## **Associate of Arts**

- 65 credit hour minimum
- Completion of all University General Education courses (42 hour minimum)
- 50 credit hours must be from LAS
- 15 credit hours must be completed at WSU
- No foreign language required

## **Bachelor of Arts Field Major**

### **Basic structure:**

- 124 credit hour minimum
- Foreign language required (except for Bio-Chemistry and Chemistry-Business)
- 100 credit hours must be from LAS
- No more than 45 credit hours in one department

### **Area of Concentration: minimum of 36 credit hours**

- 12 credit hours of the concentration must be courses numbered 300 or above.
- Primary LAS Department: 18 credit hours
- Secondary LAS Department: 9 credit hours
- Secondary Open Department: 9 credit hours

## **Bachelor of General Studies**

- 124 credit hour minimum
- No foreign language required
- 94 credit hours must be from LAS
- 30 credit hours may be from outside LAS
- No more than 30 credit hours in one department
- No more than 60 credit hours in one division (Humanities, Social and Behavioral, Natural Sciences)

### **Area of Concentration: minimum of 33 hours**

- 12 credit hours of the concentration must be courses numbered 300 or above.
- Primary LAS Department: 15 – 21 credit hours
- Secondary LAS Department: 6 - 9 credit hours
- Secondary Open Department: 6 - 9 credit hours

The University reserves the right to revise or change rules, charges, fees, schedules, courses, requirements for degrees, and any other regulations affecting students whenever considered necessary or desirable.

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