



Which online degree is right for you?

With a lot of education options available to students today, it can be overwhelming to determine the best path. To make your decision a bit easier, here is a comparison of three of our online degree programs, the Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAS), the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS).

BAS Admission Requirements

- 60 s.h. of transferable college credit, including career/technical credits
- AA, AS, or AAS from an accredited institution
 - * Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above for graduates of Iowa community colleges
 - * Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above for graduates of community colleges outside of Iowa

BAS Core Requirements

- Rhetoric: composition II plus speech
- Quantitative/Formal Reasoning: 3 s.h.
- Social Sciences: 3 s.h.
- Values, Society, and Diversity: 3 s.h.
- Business/Management: 6 s.h.

Students with an Iowa AA have completed all Core Requirements except Business/Management, unless it was included in the AA program.

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BBA Admissions Requirements and Prerequisites

- Minimum of 60 s.h. of transferable college credit from all accredited institution(s), which includes only 16 s.h. career/technical credits
- Complete all six prerequisite* courses
- A UI, cumulative, and prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or above, and
- Earn a grade of C or better in all prerequisite courses

Students with an Iowa AA have completed all General Education Program Requirements except World Languages, unless it was included in the AA program or completed in high school.

BBA General Education Requirements

- Rhetoric: composition II plus speech
- Interpretation of Literature: 3 s.h.
- World Languages: 0–10 s.h. (*fourth-level proficiency in one world language OR the second-level proficiency in two different world languages*)
- Historical Perspectives: 3 s.h.
- International and Global Issues: 3 s.h.
- Values, Society, and Diversity: 3 s.h.
- Natural Sciences: 3 s.h. (lab not required)
- Social Sciences: 3 s.h.

BLS Admissions Requirements

- 24 s.h. of transferable college credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above. Maximum of 16 sh career/technical credits
- Must have earned a high school degree at least three years before admission to the BLS program
or
- AA, AS, or AAS degree from an accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above

BLS Common Core Requirements

Rhetoric: 4 s.h.
 Interpretation of Literature: 3 s.h.
 Natural Sciences: 3 s.h.
 Global Perspectives: 3 s.h.
 Domestic Diversity: 3 s.h.
 Statistics: 3 s.h.
 Information Literacy: 2 s.h.
 Critical Thinking: 3 s.h.
 Leadership and Career Development: 6 s.h.

The Iowa AA Articulation Agreement satisfies all Core/General Education requirements except Leadership/Career Development.

BAS Graduation Requirements

Total hours: 120 s.h. Common Core: 19 s.h.
Upper-level: 45 s.h. Distribution Areas: 36 s.h.
Post admission: 30 s.h. GPA: 2.00 cum, UI, UL, Post Adm

Distribution Areas (12 s.h. each/36 s.h. total) - Select 3 of 5

Humanities	Social Science
Comm/Fine Arts	Professional Fields
Natural Sci/Math	

6 s.h. upper-level coursework required for each area

Emphasis Areas and Certificates (optional)

<u>Emphasis Areas</u>	<u>Certificates</u>
Creative Writing	Entrepreneurial Management
Human Relations	Nonprofit Management
Justice Studies	Public Health
Political Science	

Emphasis Areas and Certificates (optional)

Satisfies all Core Requirements except
Business/Management, unless it was completed in the AA

BBA Additional Requirements

- Has a Management major with an Entrepreneurial Management track
- To graduate, you must have a combined total of at least 120 s.h. from all sources
- 60 s.h. of non-business courses
- At least 48 s.h. of business courses (excludes ECON:1100 and ECON:1200; must include 24 UI business hours)
- A minimum of 30 s.h. must be taken at UI after admission to the BBA program

*Prerequisite Courses Semester Hours

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| • Calculus & Matrix Algebra for Business | 4 |
| • Statistics for Business | 4 |
| • Principles of Microeconomics | 4 |
| • Principles of Macroeconomics | 4 |
| • Introduction to Financial Accounting | 3 |

BLS Graduation Requirements

Total hours: 120 s.h. Common Core: 30 s.h.
Upper-level: 30 s.h. Track: 30 s.h.*
Post admission: 30 s.h. GPA: 2.00 cum, UI, Track

BAS Track Options

Track (30 sh*) - Select One

Organizational Studies
Health and Human Studies
Global Studies* (24 s.h. + world language)

18 s.h. upper-level coursework required for each track

Certificates

Entrepreneurial Management
Nonprofit Management
Public Health

Still have questions?

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