

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Professional Studies (BAS-PS) is a transfer degree program designed for students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from an accredited community or junior college. This program builds upon the technical foundation of the AAS by offering a flexible and customizable professional skills-centered curriculum that supports career advancement and academic growth.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

BAS: Professional Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Science Building (SI) 2071
303-315-7600

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005
303-315-2601

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Professional Studies B.A.S. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of approved courses, including **two**, 12 credit-hour applied/skills-based certificates and **two**, 3 credit-hour knowledge area courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 15 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 6 credit hours per certificate with CU Denver faculty. Note that some certificates may require more than 6 credit hours to be completed with CU Denver faculty. Students should consult the linked certificate pages below for individual certificate requirements.
5. Enrollment in the BAS degree requires prior completion of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at a Colorado community college, or program director permission.
6. Students will be awarded the completed certificates in addition to the major, as long as they have completed all of the requirements for the certificate and are certified by the designated faculty advisor. Students intending to complete certificates as stackable credentials prior to program completion should consult corresponding certificate catalog pages for a full list of certificate requirements.
7. Although single courses may be approved for multiple certificate programs, certificate programs may impose restrictions around double counting courses. Students should consult catalog entries for CLAS programs to learn about program specific restrictions.
8. Students may choose classes to complete the certificates outside of the recommended pathways listed below, but students should note that this may require additional coursework beyond what is listed in order to meet pre-requisites and/or graduation requirements.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit <https://transferology.com/school/ucdenver>. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (except the course used for Core Math) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (see note below)	
Cultural Diversity	3	To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.	---
B.A.S. Professional Studies Major Courses	0	Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor and the Professional Studies Major Advisor. Due to the individually designed nature of this program, students will choose and complete major courses at CU Denver based on selected certificates.	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	Enrollment in the BAS degree requires prior completion of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at a Colorado community college. Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to plan for additional programs.	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.



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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at a Colorado Community College and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
Approved Knowledge Area Course	3
Certificate I Course	3
Certificate II Course	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
Certificate I Course	3
Certificate I Upper-Division Course	3
Certificate II Course	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
Certificate I Upper-Division Course	3
Certificate II Upper-Division Course	3
Certificate II Upper-Division Course	3
Additional Certificate / General Elective Course	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
Approved Knowledge Area Upper-Division Course	3
Additional Certificate / Upper-Division General Elective Course	3
Additional Certificate / Upper-Division General Elective Course	3
Additional Certificate / General Elective Course	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended