

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Applied Science: Professional Studies (BAS-PS) degree is geared toward individuals who have earned an Associates of Applied Sciences (AAS) degree at any Colorado community college. In the BAS program, students stack credentials (i.e. applied/skills-based certificates), gaining transcript-verified certificates on their path to degree completion.

Our BAS-PS degree is more flexible than many other BAS degrees offered in the state and offers AAS holders the opportunity for further education and development to support their upskilling and/or leadership-focused career development goals. The certificates available in this program are all available fully online and can be designated on a transcript prior to graduation.

### 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:*

#### CLAS Academic Advising

[clas.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:clas.advising@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030  
303-315-7100

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

#### BAS: Professional Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Science Building (SI) 2071  
303-315-7600

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

#### Office of Admissions

[admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto: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 45 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 not be required to complete the CLAS Second Language Requirement as part of the CLAS Graduation Requirements.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com). 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
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 40</b>		
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>CLAS Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>15 - 29</b>		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	COM 1150 or PHI 1013	
CLAS Second Language	0 - 10	e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122 <i>The B.A.S. Professional Studies degree does not require CLAS Second Language; however, students electing a different CLAS major at CU Denver are required to complete this requirement. Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (except GT-SC courses)	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, PSC, or SOC course (except GT-SC courses)	
CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>	
<b>B.A.S. Professional Studies Major Courses</b>	<b>0</b>	<i>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.</i>	
<b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:</b>	<b>60</b>	<i>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 needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

\*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.

**Note:** this major does not require the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement; however, students who elect a different CLAS major at CU Denver will be required to complete the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	Approved Knowledge Area Course	3
	Certificate I Course	3
	Certificate II Course	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity <sup>M</sup>	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring		CRS
Certificate I Course		3
Certificate I Upper-Division Course		3
Certificate II Course		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Certificate I Upper-Division Course	3
	Certificate II Upper-Division Course	3
	Certificate II Upper-Division Course	3
	Additional Certificate / General Upper-Division Elective Course	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring		CRS
Approved Knowledge Area Upper-Division Course		3
Additional Certificate / General Upper-Division Elective Course		3
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General Upper-Division Elective		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended