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. More information can be found on the LAS Advising Center website at 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 six degree-granting colleges. The degree requires that students earn a minimum of 2.00 in the degree overall and a 2.00 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 four-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 Fairmount College. 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 & Sciences. The LAS Advising Center is in 115 Grace Wilkie Hall. Call (316) 978-3700 for an appointment.

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 Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs
Undergraduate certificate programs are offered in a number of LAS departments, including: Applied Communication, Asian Studies, Film Studies, Great Plain Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Community Psychology, Human Factors Psychology, Spanish for the Professions and Tillford Diversity Studies.
General Education Program Requirements

What is the overall goal?
The goal of general education is to enable you to live a rich, meaningful life by developing: an informed appreciation of the arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences; an ability to intelligently follow and participate in current events; and a sensitive and tutored appreciation of diverse cultures and ways of living.

What are the expected outcomes?
Embedded throughout general education and furthered in the major are the skills that enable graduates to contribute productively to society and the on-going culture. Therefore, upon graduation the faculty expects you to:

- Have acquired knowledge in the arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences
- Think critically and independently
- Write and speak effectively
- Employ analytical reasoning and problem solving techniques

Associate of Arts

- 65 credit hour minimum
- Completion of all University General Education courses
- 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 Biochemistry and Chemistry-Business)
- 100 credit hours must be from LAS
- No more than 45 credit hours in one department

Area of Concentration - 36 credit hour minimum

- 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

For more information

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

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Wichita, KS 67260-0124
(316) 978-3085
wichita.edu/admissions
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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 & Behavioral, Natural Sciences)

Area of Concentration - 33 credit hour minimum

- 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

For more information on General Studies at WSU visit wichita.edu/advising or call (316) 978-3700.