

Information for prospective students of BAS

Overview of BAS

The Bachelor of Applied Science degree offers students with Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in technical fields the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree by using more of their AAS credits than normally may be transferred to traditional majors. This program designs an individualized program of study that best meets the student's needs for professional development and career enhancement.

BAS Program Requirements

All Bachelor's degrees from ETSU require a minimum of **120 earned credits**. All students must have an ETSU GPA of 2.0 **and** (if applicable) a transfer GPA of 2.0 to graduate with a degree from ETSU. All students within the Division of Cross-Disciplinary Studies must take **a minimum of 12 credit hours as a declared BAS major** in order to receive a degree from our division. All students earning a degree from ETSU are required to have a minimum of 30 credits earned at ETSU (or online as an ETSU student) and a minimum of 50 credits earned at a 4-year institution. A student cannot graduate without having met all degree program requirements.

ETSU General Education Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">All students complete a general education core that provides a liberal foundation of knowledge across different disciplines.	41-42 credits
BAS Major Core <ul style="list-style-type: none">CDST 2200 – Interdisc. Learning & Multimedia PresentationsCDST 2300 – The Interdisc. E-Portfolio & its ApplicationsCDST 3000 – Workforce SkillsCDST 4950 – Special TopicsCDST 4110 – Research InventionCDST 4210 – Senior Capstone	13 credits
Concentration <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individualized based on the needs/interest of the student. Speak with advisor for more information.	21 credits
General Electives	44-45 credits

BAS Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree?

The BAS is an ETSU degree program designed specifically for applicants who have earned an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in a technical field. It is a convenient means for such students to earn a bachelor's degree. The program generally recognizes more credit from students' AAS degrees than most traditional degree programs.

Who is eligible for admission to the BAS program?

Students who have completed an AAS degree in a technical field. Students who have previously earned a four-year degree are not eligible to enroll in the BAS program. Due to the unique nature of the BAS degree, students may not double major. Students who have completed an Associate of Science (AS) degree are not eligible to enroll in the BAS program; however, these students may enroll in one of three other Division of Cross Disciplinary Studies degree programs: General Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, or Professional Studies.

What is required to get started in the BAS program?

Complete an AAS degree. Then, apply and be accepted into ETSU. Once you are admitted, you will schedule an appointment with a Cross Disciplinary Studies advisor.

How will this degree benefit me?

With proper course selection, this degree can provide you with an avenue for career enhancement. For some, advancing from technician to supervisor or manager requires a bachelor's degree. The BAS program will create a bridge between your learned technical skills and applied academic theory.

Can I specialize my studies?

Yes— students are required to complete a 21-hour concentration. Students may complete their concentration by designing an individual concentration with advisor-approved coursework.

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Senior Capstone Program for ETSU BAS Students

CDST 4110-4210: Senior Capstone

(5 credits)

The Senior Capstone experience for students in the BAS degree program is designed to enable students to design, research, and implement interdisciplinary projects that showcase the knowledge and skills they have developed in the course of their studies. The senior capstone is an independent research project that has at its core a senior thesis, a research paper developed using scholarly and professional secondary sources. CDST 4110-4210 is a two-semester sequence of courses in which students formulate, research, and write their senior theses.

In both courses students complete much of the research independently, with guidance from a faculty member, and seek insight from multiple fields and disciplines as they analyze and interpret a specific problem, issue, or concept related to their previous coursework and to their personal, professional, and intellectual interests. Course requirements include a written proposal and other assignments preparatory to the composition of the senior thesis. The senior capstone culminates with an oral presentation of the project to an audience of peers and professors.

Students also have the option to enroll in an internship that ties their individual research to practical application in order to form a cooperative education experience.