

## Summary Information: Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)

Updated: October 2, 2007

There are 379 students currently admitted in the BLA program (in keeping with UAS rules of having attended sometime in the last 4 semesters, also including those newly admitted).

### Of 379 students currently admitted in the BLA Program:

183	General Studies (101 Distance Education)
46	Art
15	Human Communication
23	Language Arts & Communication
6	Social Science
5	Government
2	Math
68	Undeclared

### Fall Semester 2007: 189 BLA students enrolled and attending

107	General Studies
19	Art
6	Human Communication
10	Language Arts & Communication
4	BLA Social Science/Govt
43	Undeclared

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## BLA General Studies Graduates (Fall 2002-Spring 2007)

Updated: October 22, 2007

Total BLA General Studies Graduates: 101

Graduates with Emphasis Areas: 95

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### Emphasis Areas (2 per degree)

English	31	Philosophy	4
History	25	Sociology	4
Psychology	25	Alaska Languages	3
Art	20	Economics	3
Humanities	12	Music	3
Social Science	12	Theatre	3
Communications	8	Chemistry	2
Anthropology	6	Government	2
Biology	6	Natural Science	2
Laws	6	Geography	1
Spanish	6	Journalism	1
French	4	World Language	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>

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### **BLA Redesign** **120 credits**

GER	35 credits
Liberal Arts Major	60 credits
Electives/Minor	25 credits

### **Liberal Arts Major** **60 credits**

<b><u>I. Liberal Arts Core</u></b>	<b>18 credits</b>
Orientation to the Liberal Arts	2 credits
Student Portfolio	1 credit
Communications, Literature or Writing (upper-division elective)	3 credits
Philosophy (Intro, Logic, or Ethics)	3 credits
Social Science, Math or Natural Science (elective)	3-4 credits
Cultural Diversity Courses <sup>1</sup>	6-8 credits

### **II. Liberal Arts Emphasis** **42 credits**

General Requirements for all emphasis options:

Min. upper-division in emphasis option (24 credits; 18 cr. min. UAS)

Capstone Course/Experience<sup>2</sup> (3 credits)

Emphasis Options<sup>3</sup>

Designated Emphasis: Communication, Language Arts

Interdisciplinary Studies: Primary and Secondary Fields<sup>4</sup>

Independent Design (Title)<sup>5</sup>

### **Electives/Minor** **25 credits**

Allows substantial leeway for elective coursework from AA degree, transfer credits, or electives from diverse interest areas. A Minor field must differ from BLA designated emphasis, interdisciplinary studies fields, or self-design title. Any overlap in specific courses between GER, Liberal Arts major, and Minor requires course substitutions (no double-dipping).

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## **NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> Two Cultural Diversity courses: includes world languages, world history, Alaska Native languages, or selected courses in anthropology, art, communications, literature, or other designed courses. Transfer or study abroad courses may be approved by faculty advisor for diversity credit.

<sup>2</sup> HUM 499 or faculty advisor approved 400-level internship, practicum, or independent study.

<sup>3</sup> All Emphasis Options require that the BLA student have an official faculty advisor from the designated, interdisciplinary primary field, or approved self-designed field of study.

<sup>4</sup> Primary Field: 24 credits; min. 15 credits upper-division. Secondary Field: 15 credits; min. 6 credits upper-division. Interdisciplinary Studies fields may be pre-designated (see list) or officially approved by UAS faculty in both primary and secondary fields. Any capstone course option.

<sup>5</sup> Independent Design requires an emphasis course of study plan (39 credits plus capstone), approved by an officially designated faculty advisor, department chair, and Dean of Arts and Sciences.

**[DEGREE PROGRAM REVISION - CATALOG COPY DRAFT]  
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## **Liberal Arts**

### **Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)**

The Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree is designed for UAS students seeking a broad-based, multidisciplinary education. It is designed particularly for those students who have already completed a two-year Associates degree, transfer students from other universities, and non-traditional students who have previously completed university credits.

Students consult with faculty in their areas of interest to pursue interdisciplinary or individualized courses of study. This Liberal Arts degree can lead to graduate school or jobs in which critical thinking and communication skills are valued. BLA graduates who are interested in teaching may also apply to the one-year Master at Arts in Teaching programs at UAS.

#### **BLA degrees must include:**

- 120 credits minimum.
- 60 credits minimum in the Liberal Arts Major (18 credits Liberal Arts Core, 42 credits Liberal Arts Emphasis). Of this total, 45 credits minimum must be completed through UAS.
- 42 credits minimum upper-division.
- No more than 12 credits of independent study, practicum or internship in the Liberal Arts Major.
- 3 credits minimum upper-division capstone course completed through UAS.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Students need to complete a formal application process at Admissions and Records on the local campus (Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka) or online at [www.uaonline.alaska.edu](http://www.uaonline.alaska.edu)

Minimum eligibility requirements for matriculation (admission to the BLA program):

- 24 university credits completed at the 100 level or above.
- Completion of ENG 111 Methods of Written Communication or transfer course equivalency (C or better).

- Completion of MATH 107 College Algebra, STATS 107 Survey of Statistics, or transfer course equivalency. (Note: Admission permitted with MATH 105 Intermediate Algebra or equivalency and concurrent enrollment in MATH 107 or STATS 107.)

### **Degree Requirements**

Courses in a degree program may be counted only once: that is, courses used as Major requirements cannot be used in other parts of the degree program. Courses used for GER credit cannot be used to fulfill Liberal Arts Major courses or must be replaced by substitute courses of equal credits.

<b>Minimum Credit Hours</b>	<b>120 credits</b>
GER	35 credits
Liberal Arts Major	60 credits
Electives/Minor	25 credits

### **Liberal Arts Major** **60 credits**

The Liberal Arts Major combines Core and Emphasis courses. Of the 60 total credits required for the Major, 45 must be completed through UAS. Courses completed for the Liberal Arts Major must receive a grade of C (2.0) or better.

<b>I. Liberal Arts Core</b>	<b>18 credits</b>
Orientation to the Liberal Arts	2 credits
Student Portfolio	1 credit
Communications, Literature or Writing (upper-division elective)	3 credits
Philosophy (Introduction, Logic, or Ethics)	3 credits
Social Science, Math or Natural Science (elective)	3-4 credits
Cultural Diversity Courses*	6-8 credits

Upon matriculation into the BLA program, students are required to enroll in Orientation to the Liberal Arts and Student Portfolio courses. These courses are designed to assist students in planning their program of study with the approval of their BLA faculty advisor. The portfolio is used for purposes of continuing self-assessment during the student's BLA program. Students must complete the Orientation and Portfolio courses within the first three semesters after matriculation; those who do not will be dropped from the BLA program and must officially reapply for admission.

\*Cultural Diversity courses include: world languages, world history, Alaska Native languages, or BLA faculty advisor-approved courses in anthropology, art, communication, literature, and the humanities or social sciences, including transfer or study abroad courses, with an evident focus in cultural diversity.

**II. Liberal Arts Emphasis****42 credits**

General Requirements for *all* emphasis options:

- During the semester of matriculation, the BLA Emphasis option (listed below) must be declared by the student and approved by the student's BLA faculty advisor.
- 24 minimum upper-division in credits required in the Emphasis program (18 minimum credits completed through UAS).
- Includes a Capstone Course/Experience (minimum 3 credits). Typically this is HUM 499 Humanities Capstone, but it may also be fulfilled by a BLA faculty advisor approved Practicum (494), Internship (491), or Independent Study (497).

**Liberal Arts Emphasis Options**

In each BLA degree program, students pursue one of the following Emphasis options: Designated Emphasis, Interdisciplinary Studies, or Independent Design. Courses used for GER credit cannot be used to fulfill Liberal Arts Emphasis courses or must be replaced by substitute disciplinary courses of equal credits.

**1. Designated Emphasis**

A Designated Emphasis provides a focused course of study in the Liberal Arts not available through other baccalaureate degree programs offered through UAS.

**Communication**

Primary Field Communication (COMM): 24 credits (minimum 15 credits upper-division).

Secondary Field of cross-disciplinary courses approved by the BLA Communication faculty advisor: 15 credits (minimum 6 credits upper-division).

Capstone (3 credits): Practicum (494) or Internship (491).

**Language Arts**

Language Arts Fields: English, Communication, Theatre.

Primary Field: 24 credits (minimum 15 credits upper-division).

Secondary Field: 15 credits (minimum 6 credits upper-division).

Capstone (3 credits): Practicum (494) or Internship (491).

**2. Interdisciplinary Studies**

Interdisciplinary Studies provides academic depth to a general course of Liberal Arts study by combining cross-disciplinary primary and secondary fields. Primary and secondary fields must be from different disciplines. The Interdisciplinary Studies program must be approved by the student's BLA faculty advisor.

Primary Field: 24 credits (minimum 15 credits upper-division).

Secondary Field: 15 credits (minimum 6 credits upper-division).

Capstone (3 credits): HUM 499 or BLA faculty advisor approved capstone option.

### **Primary Field**

The primary field consists of BLA faculty advisor approved course electives (24 credits, minimum of 15 credits upper division) under *one* the following categories. In some instances, minimal course requirements are designated.

#### **Anthropology**

ANTH 202 Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 205 Biological Anthropology

#### **Art**

Two-semester History of World Art survey (ART 261/262)

#### **Communication**

##### **English**

##### **History**

Two-semester History survey (HIST 105/106, HIST 131/132, HIST 227/228)

HIST 492 Seminar in History

#### **Humanities**

Any two of the following Humanities disciplines: Art, Communications, English, History, Alaska Native Languages (including Tlingit, Haida), Modern Languages (including French, Spanish, Russian), Philosophy, Theatre, or BLA faculty advisor approved Humanities discipline.

Discipline 1: 12 credits (min. 9 credits upper-division).

Discipline 2: 12 credits (min. 6 credits upper-division).

#### **Psychology**

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

Research Methods and Statistics: STATS 107 or higher, SSCI 300 Social Science Research Methods, or BLA faculty advisor approved course.

#### **Social Science**

Any two of the following Social Science disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, Government (Political Science), History, Psychology, Sociology, or BLA faculty advisor approved Social Science discipline.

Discipline 1: 12 credits (min. 9 credits upper-division).

Discipline 2: 12 credits (min. 6 credits upper-division).

#### **Theatre**

### **Secondary Field**

#### **Humanities, Math, and Natural Science**

The Interdisciplinary Studies secondary fields in Humanities, Math, and Natural Sciences are the same as approved Minors (see catalog pp. XXX-XXX), with stated requirements

fulfilled to 15 credits: Art, Biology, Creative Writing, English, Environmental Science, French, Human Communication, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Northwest Coast Art, Philosophy, Professional Communication, Spanish, Theatre, Tlingit Language.

### **Social Science**

The Interdisciplinary Studies secondary fields have the same requirements as the B.A. in Social Science Secondary Concentration Fields (see catalog pp. XXX-XXX): Anthropology, Economics, Government, History, Psychology, Sociology.

### **Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone**

Typically this is HUM 499 Humanities Capstone, but may also be fulfilled by a BLA faculty advisor approved Practicum (494), Internship (491), or Independent Study (497).

### **3. Independent Design**

This option is designed for highly motivated students who are interested in completing a BLA program that does not fall under any Designated Emphasis or Interdisciplinary Studies option.

Independently designed BLA programs are available only to students who have a tenure-track faculty member who agrees to supervise their degree program. The student and supervisor will work together to design a degree proposal that provides a coherent body of knowledge at the baccalaureate level. The Independent Design must be approved by the supervising faculty member, the supervising faculty member's department chair, and the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

As the program is independently designed, there are no formal limitations on the structure of each student's program beyond the required Liberal Arts Core. However, the Independent Design has rigorous emphasis requirements:

- 45 total credits for the BLA Liberal Arts Major must be completed while enrolled at UAS.
- 24 Emphasis credits minimum must be upper division.
- 30 Emphasis credits minimum must be completed after the Independent Design program is approved by the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Any changes to a program in progress must be approved by the supervising faculty member, the supervising faculty member's department chair, and the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

### **Electives/Minor**

**25 credits**

Courses from AA degrees, transfer credits from accredited universities or colleges, or other University of Alaska credits at the 100 level or higher may be counted for elective credit. A Minor field must differ from disciplinary coursework completed for the Liberal Arts Emphasis. Any overlap in specific courses between GER, the Liberal Arts Major, and a Minor requires course substitutions (no double-dipping).

## UAS Baccalaureate Degrees in Arts & Sciences

Catalog Years	A&S (ELAS) Bachelor Degrees
1994-1997	B.A. Government B.Ed. (Elementary, Early Childhood Education, Secondary 94/95) Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) General Studies Communications Government Literature Mathematics Social Science B.S. Biology General Biology Marine Biology
1997-2001	B.Ed. (Elementary, Early Childhood Education; eliminated 1998-99) Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) General Studies Art Communications Government Literature Mathematics Social Science B.S. Biology General Biology Marine Biology <b>B.S. Environmental Science (new 98/99)</b>
2001-2003	Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) <b>General Studies (Distance Delivered 01/02)</b> Other BLA emphases the same B.S. Degrees in General Biology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science  <b>A&amp;S Minors (new): Art, Creative Writing, English, Northwest Coast Art (02/03), Professional Communication, Speech Communication, Theatre</b>

## Key Years of Transition: 2003-2005

2003-2005

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)  
General Studies (Distance Delivered)  
Art  
**Human Communications (new 04/05)**  
**Language Arts & Communications (revised 04/05)**  
Government (eliminated 07/08)  
Mathematics (eliminated 06/07)  
**B.A. English (new 03/04)**  
**Literature**  
**Literature and the Environment**  
**B.A. Social Science (new 03/04)**  
B.S. Biology  
**B.S. Marine Biology (new 04/05)**  
B.S. Environmental Science  
**B.S. Mathematics (new 04/05)**

A&S Minors: **Alaska Native Studies (new 03/04)**, Art, Biology, Creative Writing, English, **French (new 03/04)**, **Legal Studies (new 04/05)**, **Mathematics (new 03/04)**, Northwest Coast Art, Professional Communication, Speech Communication, **Spanish (new 03/04)**, Theatre, **Women's & Gender Studies (new 03/04)**

2005-2008

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)  
General Studies (Distance Delivered)  
**Art (B.A. Art 08/09)**  
Language Arts & Communications  
Human Communications  
B.A. English  
**Creative Writing (new 05/06)**  
Literature  
Literature and the Environment  
B.A. Social Science  
B.S. Biology  
B.A. Biology (new 07/08)  
B.S. Marine Biology  
B.S. Environmental Science  
B.S. Mathematics

A&S Minors: Alaska Native Studies, Art, Biology, Creative Writing, English, French, Human Communication, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Northwest Coast Art, **Philosophy (new)**, Professional Communication, Spanish, Theatre, Women's & Gender Studies