



Transfer Guide
Appalachian State University:
Professional Studies, BS

Transfer Guide for Associate in Applied Science Degrees

Delivery Method: Fully Online & On-Campus

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Program Admissions Notes:

Applicants should have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.25 in all attempted college coursework. For complete transfer admission information and deadlines, please visit <https://admissions.appstate.edu/apply/transfer-student>

**Students with less than a 2.25 will be reviewed holistically. Please speak to your transfer admissions counselor or call the Transfer Admissions & Engagement office with questions.*

Foundations of American Democracy (FAD):

- FAD is a graduation requirement for all students entering any UNC institution on or after July 1, 2025, who are seeking a baccalaureate degree.
- Waiver: Students transferring to App State with 60+ college credit hours or an AA or AS degree will have the FAD requirement waived.
- Alternative Courses: If you plan to transfer to App State without meeting any of the above criteria, you can fulfill the FAD requirement by taking one of these courses at a North Carolina Community College: HIS 131, HIS 132, POL 120, or SOC 220.

Early College students are considered First Year students (not Transfers) and should apply using the Common App.

College-Level Foreign Language Requirement:

Foreign language classes are not required for this major.

Associate Degree Recommendations:

If possible, students are encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at the community college. A completed AA or AS degree will satisfy general education requirements at Appalachian. Students may also transfer in with an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree, but they will have to complete Appalachian's [general education requirements](#).

When choosing general education courses, such as English, Math, Science, etc., students must choose them off the [Comprehensive Articulation Agreement transfer course list](#) to ensure that these are [transferable-level courses](#). Students completing an AAS degree must double check what they are taking at the community college with the CAA course list to ensure that the classes will transfer to satisfy general education requirements. For example, students should choose MAT 143 or above rather than MAT 110.

Remaining Bachelor's Degree Requirements at University:

Students will need to meet [general education requirements](#) at App State if they have not been previously met with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree.

Students will choose two areas of focus (either [minors](#) or certificates with at least 12 hours) in the Professional Studies program. Students may not have two areas of focus in the Walker College of Business. Remaining bachelor's degree requirements will vary depending on the credits that are transferred to App State. Please work with your academic advisor to create a degree plan.

University Course:	Credit Hours	University Course Notes:
General Education Requirements	41	
Professional Studies Major		At least 24 hours of the 70 hours of the major are required to be at the 3000+ level. Could be 24+ hours
UCO 2200: Foundations of Professional Studies	3	Core Professional Studies Course
CTE 3340: Business Communications OR ENG 3100: Business Writing OR Any other approved Writing in the Discipline course	3	Writing in the Discipline Core Professional Studies Course
Capstone Requirement	1-12	UCO 4502: Independent Study (1-4 hours) or UCO 4900: Capstone Internship in Professional Studies (1-12 hours) Core Professional Studies Course
Two areas of focus	24-53	Minors but also certificates with at least 12 credit hours
Contextual electives that support the areas of focus	0-39	
Free Electives	6	Take enough hours to reach 120 required to graduate Could be 6+ hours