It is recommended you complete the core curriculum at your institution before transferring to TAMU-SA. If you transfer to TAMU-SA without a complete core curriculum, you will need the guidance of a Transfer Advisor to determine which institution’s core curriculum you should complete and which courses are needed. If you transfer without a complete core, core courses from your institution generally transfer as core with the exception of the institutionally-designated option (90) which may differ from institution to institution.
The purpose of the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) is to offer students with formal training in a vocational-technical studies area the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree without the significant loss of credits that normally occurs in pursuing a traditional degree.

**BAAS Degree Requirements**
The student must complete a baccalaureate degree plan (120 semester hours minimum) consisting of 36 hours in residence and transfer credit which includes the following:

**General Education, Prerequisites and Electives** (42 to 66 semester hours): This component is made up of freshman and sophomore-level courses which meet each of the criteria identified by the university as important aspects of a general education listed in the General Education Requirements.

**Area of Specialization** (18-42 semester hours): Credits toward the area of specialization may be earned from regionally accredited junior or community colleges and vocational or technical schools; credits may also be earned through armed forces training when that work can be equated to college credit.

**Professional Development** (36 semester hours): The courses taken in this area are to be chosen to provide academic depth and breadth to the area of specialization and, in addition, afford substantive developmental knowledge in the student's professional career goals. The component focuses on areas of learning directly related to upward mobility and further extends a student’s knowledge, skill and expertise. The professional development sequence of 36 semester hours will be selected from Business, Criminology, Early Childhood Education (non-certification), Fire and Emergency Services Administration, Information Technology, Interdisciplinary Studies (non-certification), Psychology, Social Sciences, or Sociology.

**Things to do and remember at the Community College:**
- Read the Community College catalog for course descriptions and prerequisites
- Visit with a Community College Counselor/advisor for help with course sequencing and availability.
- Visit with a TAMU-SA Transfer Advisor if you have questions about the transfer guide or the TAMU-SA admissions requirements and procedure.
- Be sure to apply for admission to TAMU-SA at least one semester prior to transferring.

**Things to do and remember upon Admissions to Texas A&M University-San Antonio:**
- Be sure to apply for admission to TAMU-SA at least one semester prior to transferring.
- Make an appointment with the Academic Advisor of the major once accepted to TAMU-SA to receive an official degree plan, to clarify college and university policies and procedures, to review course sequencing and to help with identifying resources for academic success.