BUCHTEL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

College Requirements

Admission

The Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.uakron.edu/bcas) admits current University students who have satisfied the following criteria:

- Completed a minimum of 30 semester credit hours
- Completed at least 6 credits of English Composition for the general education requirement
- Completed at least 3 credits of mathematics or statistics earned in the Department of Mathematics or the Department of Statistics for the general education requirement
- Have a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 in all work attempted in the major field, including transfer work until 30 UA credits are earned (excluding Political Science which requires 2.2 and Child and Family Development which requires 2.3)
- Have a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 in all University work, including transfer work until 30 UA credits are earned (excluding Political Science, English, and Sociology which require 2.2; excluding Child and Family Development which requires 2.5; and excluding Communication which requires 2.1)
- Computer Science students must successfully complete 3450:208 Introduction to Discrete Mathematics and 3450:221 Analytic Geometry-Calculus I and 3460:209 Computer Science I and 3460:210 Computer Science II. Child Development students must complete 3760:201 Courtship, Marriage & Family Relations and 3760:265 Child Development with a C or better.
- Music students must test into at least Theory I Placement and audition into at least 100 Applied Instruction; Dance students must successfully audition
- Received approval of the Dean of the College

Transfer Students

Students transferring into the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.uakron.edu/bcas) from universities other than The University of Akron must satisfy the same Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.uakron.edu/bcas) admission requirements as University of Akron students.

A student transferring to the School of Art (https://www.uakron.edu/art) from another institution must submit a portfolio of work for approval before admission. A student transferring from another college or institution into the music program must complete a placement examination and perform an audition. A student transferring from another college or institution into the Dance program must perform an audition.

Other Admission

Students accepted into the Williams Honors College (https://www.uakron.edu/honors) as arts and sciences majors are automatically admitted into the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.uakron.edu/bcas). Incoming freshmen with appropriate credentials may receive direct admission to the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.uakron.edu/bcas) upon application.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Requirements for the bachelor’s degree include:

- Completion of the General Education (https://www.uakron.edu/general-education) requirement
- Three credits of mathematics or statistics earned in the Department of Mathematics (https://www.uakron.edu/math) or the Department of Statistics (https://www.uakron.edu/statistics)
- Completion of requirements in a major field of study in the college. A major consists of a specified number of credits in addition to the required General Education (https://www.uakron.edu/general-education) and, in the case of most Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, foreign language courses/proficiency. The exact requirements for each major are found in the respective curriculum guide
- All degrees require a minimum of 40 credits consisting of:
  - 300/400-level courses in the student’s major department
  - 300/400-level courses outside the student’s major department, except workshops
  - Courses outside the major department as specified and approved by the student’s major advisor and the department chair or school director (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment), except workshops
  - For programs with restrictive external accreditation requirements, 200 level courses within the major may be identified as constituting advanced work by the student’s advisor and department chair or school director (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment)
- Demonstration of ability to use English and, in the case of most Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, another language:
  - For English, this ability will be shown by the completion of the General Education (https://www.uakron.edu/general-education) sequence for English Composition
  - For the other language, this ability will be shown by completion of the second year (202 at UA) of a foreign language at the University level. A student may place at any point in the language sequence so this is not a credit hour requirement but rather a course completion requirement for an Intermediate II course. Students who place above the 202 level must take one course to demonstrate proficiency. Demonstration of equivalent competence gained through non-academic “life experience” may be allowed through a test approved by the Department of Modern Languages contingent upon the availability of an appropriate test. The Department of Modern Languages (https://www.uakron.edu/modlang) does not offer credit by examination. Native speakers of a language other than English may be exempted from the foreign language requirement upon providing evidence of competence in the four basic language skills (speaking, reading, writing and listening comprehension) at a level equivalent to or higher than successful completion of the second year of instruction in the language at the University level. No credit is granted for exemption from the foreign language requirement. Sign Language is acceptable toward the foreign language requirement. You must complete the five courses listed below (totaling 14 credits) in the sign language sequence to satisfy the requirement:
    - 7700:222 Survey of Deaf Culture in America
    - 7700:201 American Sign Language
  - 7700:201 American Sign Language II, 2 American Sign Language IV
• 7700:101 American Sign Language I, 2 American Sign Language II

• Students in the Schools of Art (https://www.uakron.edu/art) and Music (https://www.uakron.edu/music) may apply not more than two credits of physical education activities to their degree; students in the School of Communication (https://www.uakron.edu/schlcomm) and in Theatre programs may apply not more than two credits of physical education activities, eight credits of applied music or four credits of music organizations to their degree; students in Dance programs may apply not more than two credits of physical education activities and 12 credits of dance organizations to their degree.

• Attaining a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 for all courses in the major Department/School at The University of Akron, unless otherwise required by the major Department/School

• Fulfilling the University requirements for a baccalaureate degree

Any student who wishes to receive a second baccalaureate degree must complete 30 credits of coursework in addition to the credits necessary for the first degree; 15 of the 30 credits must be in 300/400-level courses or other approved courses.

Degrees Awarded

• **Fine Arts Division:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts (Ceramics, Dance, Graphic Design, Jewelry & Metalsmithing, Photography, Painting/Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture), Bachelor of Music

• **Humanities Division:** Bachelor of Arts

• **Natural Sciences Division:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

• **Social Sciences Division:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science

• **Interdisciplinary Studies:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies