BA Degree Requirements

Foreign Language

Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree at ASU are required to earn 6 hours of INTERMEDIATE foreign language. Intermediate means 2nd year language courses or 1040 (3 hours) and 1050 (3 hours) or the 1060 6-hour alternative. More advanced students may take 6 hours of 2000+ level foreign language to meet this requirement as well. The beginning levels 1010 and 1020 are required as prerequisites, but they DO NOT MEET the intermediate foreign language requirement.

46 Hour Limit

The 46 hour rule affects BA students only. They can count only 46 hours above the Gen Ed curriculum requirements in any one discipline toward their degree.

What happens if a BA student has 52 hours, for example, in Anthropology (6 hours over the 46 hour limit)?

The student would need to have enough other hours to reach 122 without counting the extra six hours—or 128 hours total (122 + 6 hrs to allow for the extra ANT courses). So, this could really affect a student who has exactly the 122 earned hours needed.

One thing to remember is that any courses used to meet Gen Ed requirements don't count toward the 46. So if the above student had taken ANT 1415 to meet Gen Ed requirements, we would say only 49 hours were used for the major. In that case the student would need 125 hours to graduate.

Please encourage BA students to keep careful track of their hours. If they need extra elective hours to reach 122 make sure they choose electives outside of their major discipline.

Minor

The BA degree requires a minor outside the academic discipline of the major. So a BA English student must have a minor from outside the English department. The minor can also be from a College other than the College of the major. Another alternative is having a second major/degree outside the discipline of the first major/degree.

As the advisor you can find the requirements for all minors in the Undergraduate Bulletin; all minors also have programs of study on the programsofstudy.appstate.edu website. Remember that majors, Gen Ed, and minors must all have the same catalog year, so when you are looking for the requirements for a minor, make sure you are searching the correct catalog year.

http://www.cas.appstate.edu/students/undergraduate-academic-services