

TO: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

FROM: Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

DATE: December 8, 2019

RE: Program Change

We request implementation of the following program change with the next possible *Catalog*.

Name of Program: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

Program Code: N/A

Date of Department/Program Approval: N/A

From Current Catalog Web Page: <https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/associate-arts-sciences/>

To: Allow the Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree requirements to be satisfied with either a Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts or a Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity Experience.

Why: In my role as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the faculty and instructional academic staff at UWEC-BC report through me to Academic Affairs. Therefore, I am submitting this change request on behalf of the faculty and students at UWEC-BC, the latter of whom represent the primary UW-Eau Claire student population pursuing the AAS degree.

For most AAS degree requirements, UWEC-BC students typically have 5-8 course options each semester to meet each learning outcome (K1-3, S2, R1-3, etc). I believe this number of course options provides UWEC-BC students with enough flexibility to make satisfactory progress toward the AAS degree. However, UWEC-BC students have very limited access (typically 2-3 options per semester) to K4 experiences. We believe that this small number of options disadvantages UWEC-BC students seeking the AAS degree. Also, while S3 is not currently part of the AAS degree requirement, we note that UWEC-BC students have access to a similar number of courses (2-3 per semester) meeting the creativity learning outcome. Therefore, we propose to allow the Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree requirements to be satisfied by completion of either a Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts or a Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity Experience.

We believe this change is consistent with the overall framework and goals of UW-Eau Claire's liberal education program and will provide UWEC-BC students with the flexibility to make satisfactory progress toward their AAS degree.

Thanks for considering this request.