Professional Studies (PRO)

PRO 101 - INTRO COLLEGE ACADEMY  
Semester Hours: 3  
Focus is on learning theory, discovering learning style preferences and appropriate, effective study methods, understanding the issues facing college students today and strategies to overcome them, learning about available campus academic and student support resources and how to utilize them improving oral and written communication skills. Identifying UAH academic organizations and recognizing the importance of involvement and developing the skills. Must be part of College Academy. May not be used for Charger Foundations.

PRO 301 - FOUNDATIONS ADULT LEARNING  
Semester Hour: 1  
This course employs foundational learning theories and related research in adult education and development to help students successfully transition to UAH. Students will define competencies needed for success in academic study and professional leadership, in setting educational goals, and in planning a learning experience to achieve them. Emphasis is placed on issues unique to adult re-entry students and the university services available to support nontraditional students.

PRO 320 - INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES & CRITICAL THINKING  
Semester Hours: 3  
Interdisciplinary studies fosters foundational knowledge acquisition by which individuals draw on multiple disciplinary perspectives and integrate their insights and modes of thinking to advance the studies and the fundamental development of critical and analytical thinking skills. Complex issues are addressed from multi-faceted perspectives that stimulate problem solving, problem defining and problem posing. Emphasis is placed on how to synthesize evidence drawn from multiple sources as a basis for informed decision-making.

PRO 321 - MEDIA LITERACY  
Semester Hours: 3  
Investigate the interdisciplinary nature of 21st-century media. Students analyze the combined influence of production methods, semiotics, politics, ethics, and psychology on our critical understanding of advertising, propaganda, conspiracy theories, social media, and the Internet of Things. Prerequisite: EH 102.

PRO 398 - SPEC TOPICS: INTERDISC STUDIES  
Semester Hours: 3  
Course uses an interdisciplinary approach to draw on intersecting and divergent knowledge from a variety of scholarly disciplines in order to create an in-depth and multi-faceted understanding of a particular instructor chosen issue, topic or problem. Prerequisite: PRO 325.

PRO 498 - INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH METHODS & APPLICATIONS  
Semester Hours: 3  
This course introduces students to interdisciplinary research methods. In the course, students will apply their knowledge - identifying an interdisciplinary problem related to their approved concentration area, performing the foundational research, and formulating a research proposal for their Capstone research thesis/project. Prerequisite: PRO 320.

PRO 499 - CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH THESIS/PROJECT  
Semester Hours: 3  
Students majoring in Professional Studies are required to complete a senior research thesis in their approved interdisciplinary concentration. This Capstone course requires the student to demonstrate his/her ability to integrate the core knowledge and skills gained in their interdisciplinary areas of study using inquiry-based learning methods. Research is conducted and a thesis-style paper is written and orally presented. Prerequisite: PRO 498 with minimum grade of C-.