### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM *e*VERSITY

### PROPOSAL FOR NEW DEGREES IN THE AREA OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES

 **1. PROPOSED PROGRAM TITLES:**

Associate of Arts: University Studies

 Bachelor of Arts: University Studies

 **2.**  **PROPOSED STARTING DATE**

October 2015

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 **4. PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The proposed degrees provide options for students to complete general programs of study leading to an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in University Studies. These credentials are designed for students who desire a broad program of study and those who have significant transfer hours in a wide range of academic disciplines. The proposed credentials will provide students with a pathway to a college degree which is increasingly critical for entry and promotion in today’s workforce.

**5**. **FACULTY**

University of Arkansas System faculty will develop and teach the courses. All proposed courses exist at one or more UA System institution insuring sufficient available faculty.

**6. INSTRUCTION BY DISTANCE TECHNOLOGY**

The degrees included in this proposal will be delivered in a 100% distance education format.

**7. CURRICULUM**

**Associate of Arts: University Studies (60 hours)**

The Associate of Arts is composed of the following courses:

-Core curriculum: 36 hours

-Three Concentrations of 6 hours: 18 hours (example: Business, Criminal Justice, Information Technology)

-Electives: 6 hours

Total: 60 hours

**Bachelor of Arts: Information Technology (120 hours)**

(Associate of Science + 60 hours)

The Bachelor of Arts is composed of the following courses:

-Core curriculum: 36 hours

-Three Concentrations of 15 hours where 9 hours in each concentration must be upper division courses: 45 hours. Prerequisites for all courses must be honored.

-Electives: 39 hours
Total: 120 Hours

**8. Faculty Approval**

The proposed credentials were unanimously approved by the University of Arkansas System *e*Versity Academic Governance Council.