

FLAC component any time it is offered. Students taking the FLAC component do additional readings in the foreign language and meet with the foreign language professor and, possibly, the discipline professor one hour per week for discussion of those readings.

Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE)

The four-year colleges and universities that serve the Birmingham area have a long record of cooperation with one another. Building on that history, the Presidents of Birmingham-Southern College, Miles College, Samford University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of Montevallo created the Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE) to enhance and strengthen educational opportunities.

Students, faculty, and staff at BACHE institutions may access the resources of all the member libraries by simply presenting their valid ID cards. Students enrolled full-time at a BACHE institution who are in good academic standing may also take undergraduate courses at another BACHE campus at no additional charge. The procedure for taking a course through this cooperative program follows.

Registration—This must be completed prior to the opening of a new term at the BACHE institution. Registration for courses may be completed in the Office of Academic Records. As listed on the academic calendar, the last day to add a course each term is also the last day to register for a BACHE institution course. Schedules of courses are available in the Office of Academic Records and online.

Approval—A student must have the approval of his or her advisor, the department chair in the discipline of the course, and the Provost. (A student must be taking at least three units at Birmingham-Southern College during a regular term or two units in a summer term in order to register for one course at a BACHE institution.)

Credit—Work at a BACHE institution is given credit as if it were taken at Birmingham-Southern College; however, courses taken through BACHE may not count as learning outcomes designated courses for Explorations.

The course will be included in the Birmingham-Southern College credit for that term and will not be treated as transfer credit. BACHE courses will be converted from semester or quarter hours into Birmingham-Southern College units. For example, a BACHE course of three semester hours will be converted to 0.75 units. Usually, only one course per term is permitted. BACHE courses may not be used to redeem Birmingham-Southern College courses.

Cost—Except for associated laboratory and other special fees, there is no additional cost to a student who is taking at least three units at Birmingham-Southern College at the time of enrollment at a BACHE institution. If the BACHE course places the student in academic overload, an overload fee is charged.