

Program Pathway – *B.A. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES*

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies allows the student to design his/her own program of study and, when necessary, utilize transfer credits from other degree programs. The student completes 21 hours in a concentration or thematically based set of upper division electives and a minor chosen from the College's existing minors. Upon declaring the Interdisciplinary Studies major, a student must submit to the Chair of the Department of Communication a 500-word or more essay describing his/her rationale for choosing the major in terms of educational, personal, and career/professional goals.

This degree prepares a student for careers that demand strong critical thinking, writing, and oral communication skills. The student should choose a theme and minor that would best fit his/her career goals. For example, a student desiring to work in recreational careers would take a minor in Health and Wellness; on desiring to work in public relations should take all the liberal arts credits in communication.

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101 *	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
MATH 1101* or MATH 1111*	Math Modeling or College Algebra	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
POLS 1101	American Government	3	
HIST 2111/2112	U.S. History	3	
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	
PRSP 1010	Perspective Elective	1	
	Semester Total	16	

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102 *	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)
Lab Science	Choose 1: BIOL 1105K, 1107K, 1108K, 1203K, 1224K, CHEM 1151K, 1211K, 1212K, GEOL 1121K, 1122K, PHYS 1111K, 1112K, 2211K, 2212	4	
PHED Activity		1	
Social Science	Choose 1: ANTH 1103, ECON 2105, 2106, GEOG 1100, 1101, or 1111, HIST 1111, 1112, 2111, 2112, PHIL 1103, 2010, 2020, POLS 2101, 2201, 2301, 2401, PSYC 1101, 2101, 2103, 2204, 2250, SOCI 1101, 1160	3	
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
	Semester Total	14	

First Year Milestones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102 • Complete Area A Math • Meet with your advisor • Be sure to have submitted essay on rationale for choosing the Interdisciplinary Studies major to Chair of Department of Communication, Performing Arts, and Foreign Languages. • Consult your Degreeworks frequently to ensure course completion 	

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Lab Science	Choose 1: BIOL 1105K, 1107K, 1108K, 1203K, 1224K, CHEM 1151K, 1211K, 1212K, GEOL 1121K, 1122K, PHYS 1111K, 1112K, 2211K, 2212	4	
Social Science	Area E Elective	3	
Literature	ENGL 2201, 2111, 2112, 2120, 2121, 2130, 2131	3	ENGL 1102 with a “C” or higher
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
Semester Total		16	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Area D Elective		3-4	
Humanities /Fine Arts Elective	ARTS 1100, HUMN 1201, HUMN 1202, MUSC 1100, MUSC 1110, MUSC 1120, or THEA 1100 or ENGL literature	3	
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
Area F Elective	Focus Course from Area of Interest	3	
Semester Total		15-16	

Second Year Milestones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor • Solidify choices for theme for Upper Division Liberal Arts Electives (21) and Minor. • Keep in mind that courses cannot count in two areas, so your minor may require you to take a prerequisite in Areas C-F. • In planning your schedules for years 3 and 4, keep in mind that the capstone course (INTS 4999) requires an original research project, so you might want to take more hours (18) in preceding semesters and fewer in your final semester (9-12). • Consult your Degreeworks frequently to ensure course completion 	

Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 3000 *	Writing for Social Sciences	3	
Essential Areas elective **	Humanities course	3	
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Minor Elective *		3	
	Semester Total	15	

Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Essential Areas elective	Social Science course	3	
Minor Elective *		3	
Minor Elective *		3	
	Semester Total	15	

Third Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have completed resume uploaded in Purple Briefcase. • Attend Career Fairs and Discuss Internships (INTS 4000) possibilities with advisor • Consult your Degreeworks frequently to ensure course completion

Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Essential Areas Elective	Communication course	3	
Minor Elective *		3	
Minor Elective or Free Elective		3	
	Semester Total	15	

Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
INTS 4999 *	Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies	3	ENGL 3000 and 2.0 GPA
Liberal Arts Thematic elective *		3	
Essential Areas elective	History course	3	
Minor Elective *		3	
Minor Elective or Free elective		3	
	Semester Total	15	

Fourth Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services

Notes:

* denotes grade of 'C' or higher required

** at least one Essential Areas Choice must be upper division

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