

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BS)

Program Map

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA A	MATH 1001 or higher level MATH	3
Area B2	ITDS 1779 (2), LEAD 1705 (2), PERS 1506 (1; may be repeated with different topic), PERS 1507 (2) ¹	2
POLS 1101	American Government	3
ITDS 2799	Interdisciplinary Pathways ²	3
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
ENGL 1102	English Composition II (minimum grade of C)	3
Area B1	COMM 1110 Public Speaking or foreign language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002	3
AREA D	Lab Science	4
Area F	Foundational course for Pathway preparation ³	3
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ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
Area F	Foundational course for Pathway preparation ³	3
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Area G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
Area G	Pathway #2 course ⁴	3
Wellness	KINS 1106 (or PHED 1205) Concepts of Fitness	2
ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	U. S. History to 1865 or U. S. History since 1865	3
Area C	Fine Arts	3
AREA D	Math/Science/Tech	3
Area G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
AREA G	Pathways #2 course ⁴	3
ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall

AREA C	Humanities	3
AREA D	Science	3
Wellness	PEDS Elective	1
AREA G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
AREA G	Pathway #2 course ⁴	3
AREA I	Elective	3
ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		16

Spring

AREA E	World Culture	3
AREA E	Behavioral Science	3
AREA G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
AREA G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
AREA G	Pathway #2 course ⁴	3
ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall

AREA G	Pathway #1 course ⁴	3
AREA G	Pathway #2 course ⁴	3
AREA I	Elective	3
AREA I	Elective	3
AREA I	Elective	3
ITDS 3099	Interdisciplinary Milestones	0
Credit Hours		15

Spring

AREA G	Pathway #2 course ⁴	3
ITDS 4799	Interdisciplinary Capstone	3
AREA I	Elective	3
AREA I	Elective	3
AREA I	Elective	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123

¹ Note: Students must complete Area B and Area D with a combined total of 15 credit hours within the following ranges. Any additional hours may be applied to Area F or beyond, depending on the program of study. Students should consult their advisors.

- Area B1, 3 hours;
- Area B2, 1-2 hours;
- Area D1, 7-8 hours;
- Area D2, 3-4 hours.

² In ITDS 2799, students will develop a plan that identifies which specific Area F and Area G courses to take to meet their overall educational goals. With the guidance of the instructor of ITDS 2799 and the Interdisciplinary Governance Board (IGB), students will design their own degree program, one that highlights their unique skills and knowledge gained through study and experience. In ITDS 2799, students will develop a program map that is more specific than the general one shown here, for it will appropriate their previously earned credits to this degree. Two features of the program are designed for students with transfer credits or who have changed majors and have accrued

a fair number of credits. First, its Interdisciplinary Governance Board can quickly evaluate and apply prior credits to the program so entering students know how long the program will take for them to finish.

Once those prior credits have been appropriated, students can then determine which two pathways they want to pursue and which Area F courses they should take as prerequisites. Second, the program's Pathway-Milestone-Capstone design will help students who may have a variety of credits or partially completed majors to refashion their academic experience into a coherent whole, investing them with the knowledge and skills they need to meet their academic and career goals.

³ These Area F Foundational courses should be used to satisfy prerequisites for upper division courses in the chosen two Pathways (Area G coursework). The trickiest part of the degree is making sure that the prerequisite courses for the upper level courses get taken in areas A - F. Many can fit in Area F, but it will help to have some satisfy an A-E requirement. During Fall 1 and while enrolled in ITDS 2799, students will submit their personally created program map—including their plans for Area F Foundational coursework and Pathway choices—for approval to the IGB.

⁴ Students are to select two different Pathway Areas from the following list. At least 12 hours in each Pathway must be at the 3000 level or above.

1. Communicating in a Global Environment (18 hours) (Most language, linguistics, writing, and communication courses can contribute, as well as courses framed around global issues.)
2. Humanities (18 hours) (Most philosophy, literature, history, language, and creative writing courses can contribute.)
3. Leadership and Community Engagement (18 hours) (Courses framed around the topics of leadership and engagement can contribute and be found in a broad range of fields, including business, education, and social sciences.)
4. Evidence Based Inquiry using Social Science or Natural Science Perspectives (18 hours)
5. Create Your Pathway (18 hours) (Developed by the student in consultation with the Interdisciplinary Governance Board.)