

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (246)

## Program Coordinator

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The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree is designed for those who need or desire a flexible degree program. Within the limits specified for the degree, students, with their advisors, may design programs to suit their personal needs and educational objectives.

This program requires 60 credit hours of coursework. Students who have previously earned 60 hours of credit with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or above in all higher education coursework, including all coursework completed at Western Kentucky University, and have met all other requirements for the degree, may apply as candidates for the AIS degree. If, upon evaluation of their transcripts, such students meet all the requirements for the degree, the degree will be awarded at the next graduation ceremony.

## Opportunities

The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree is an attractive option for employment or promotion in business and industry. In addition to those wishing to enhance their employability, several other groups of students will find the program suits their needs. These include those who are seeking a degree for their personal satisfaction; those who plan to move on to a bachelor's degree but wish to have a degree at the two-year level; and those who wish to consolidate previously-earned credits into a degree program.

### Areas of Concentration

- Arts
- Business
- Education
- Health
- Humanities
- Science
- Social and Behavioral
- Technology
- Organization and Communication of Ideas
- Social Justice and Equity Studies
- Sustainability

## Program Requirements (60 hours)

Minimum requirements for the AIS degree are 60 total hours distributed among the WKU Colonnade, concentration, and elective courses.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Colonnade for Associate Degree Seeking Students</b>		
Complete a minimum of 15 hours of Colonnade coursework chosen from:		15

College Composition (F-WC)

Arts & Humanities (E-AH)

Social & Behavioral Sciences (E-SB)

Quantitative Reasoning (F-QR) or Natural and Physical Sciences (E-NS)

Additional Foundations or Explorations Category

### Area of Concentration

Select 27 hours in an area of concentration: <sup>1</sup> 27

Arts

Business

Education

Health

Humanities

Organization and Communication of Ideas

Social and Behavioral Science

Science

Social Justice and Equity Studies

Sustainability

Technology

### Electives

Select hours of electives to reach 60 18

**Total Hours 60**

<sup>1</sup> One quarter of the areas of emphasis hours must be earned at WKU.

A student must obtain a 2.0 grade point average in the concentration. An overall 2.0 grade point average is required to be awarded the AIS degree.

Students seeking the AIS degree must complete a minimum of 25% of their degree program in residence at Western Kentucky University. Courses taken at WKU off-campus locations through regional campus offerings or other WKU outreach are considered as having been taken in residence.

The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree cannot be filed as a second degree program; as a result, students applying for concurrent or subsequent associate degrees must file the Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies as their primary degree program. Electives are in addition to the Colonnade courses and area of concentration. They may come from Colonnade categories or courses that do not fall into any Colonnade categories or areas of concentration.

## Arts Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Arts Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		27
AD, ANIM, ANTH, ART, DANC, ENG, FILM, FLK, HON		
HORT 209	Floral Design	
HORT 309	Advanced Floral Design	
HORT 330	Wedding Floral Design	
IDST, JOUR, MUS, PERF		
PSYS 380	Psychology and Science Fiction	
SPS, THEA, UCC, UX		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

### Business Concentration

Code	Title	Hours	
<b>Students pursuing the Business Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>			
ACCT, ACTU, AD, AGE			
ART 243	Digital Media	<b>27</b>	
BA, BDAN, BDAS, BE, CIS, CIT, CM, COMM, CRIM, CS, CSCI, DH, ECON, ENG, ENT, ENV, EMDS, FACS, FIN, FINC, GISC, HCA, HIM, HMD, HON, SUPR			
HORT 420	Floral Shop Management		
IDST, LEAD, MATH, MFG, MFGE, MGMT, MGT, MIL, MKT, OST, PH, PLS, PR			
PSYS 350	Social Psychology		
PSY 350	Social Psychology		
PSY 371	The Psychology of Sales Behavior		
PSY 470	Psychology and Law		
RE, REC, SPM, SPS, STAT, SUPR, UCC, UX, VJP, WFA			
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>27</b>

### Education Concentration

Code	Title	Hours	
<b>Students pursuing the Education Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>			
AGED, BE, CNS, EDU, ELED			
ART 411	Foundations of Art Education and Methods II	<b>27</b>	
ART 413	Foundations of Art Education and Methods III		
BIOL 303	Life Science for Middle Grades Teachers		
CHEM 470	Chemistry / Middle School		
DANC 301	Dance Pedagogy		
ENG 407	Linguistic Analysis		
ENG 408	Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics		
ENG 416	Literature/EST Capstone		
ENG 469	2nd Language Acquisition Theory		
ENG 470	Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language		
ENG 471	Teaching English as a Second Language Practicum		
FACS, HED, HON, ID, IDST, IECE, LME, LTCY			
GEOL 305	Earth System Science for Teachers		
HIST 311	History Teaching Methods		
MATH 205	Number Systems and Number Theory for Teachers		
MATH 206	Fundamentals of Geometry for Teachers		
MATH 302	Introduction to Advanced Mathematics for Middle Grades Teachers		
MATH 308	Rational Numbers and Data Analysis for Teachers		
MATH 403	Geometry for Elementary and Middle Grades Teachers		

MATH 411	Problem Solving for Elementary and Middle Grades Teachers	<b>27</b>	
MATH 421	Problem Solving for Secondary Teachers		
MATH 490	Seminar in Middle Grades Mathematics		
MGE, MKT, MLNG, PE, PETE, REC, SEC, SMED, SPED, SPS, UCC			
MUS 310	Pedagogy for Performance Majors		
MUS 311	Music for the Elementary Teacher		
MUS 312	Teaching Music in the Primary Grades		
MUS 314	Comprehensive Arts Education for the Elementary Teacher		
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning		
PSY 331	Psychology of Learning		
PSY 422	Adolescent Psychology		
PSY 432	Psychology of the Gifted and Creative		
PSY 435	Moral Development and Education		
PSY 436	Applied Cognitive Psychology		
PSYS 321	Child Developmental Psychology		
THEA 392	Production of Theatre for Children		
THEA 425	Play Production in the Schools		
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>27</b>

### Health Concentration

Code	Title	Hours	
<b>Students pursuing the Health Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>			
AH, BIOL, CD, CHEM, CHHS, COMM, DH, ENV, EXS, FACS, GERO, HCA, HED, HIM, HMD, HON, IDST, NURS, PE, PETE, PH			
PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics	<b>27</b>	
PHIL 330	Philosophy of Science		
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness		
REC, SFTY, SPM, SPS, SWRK, UCC			
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>27</b>

### Humanities Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Humanities Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		
AFAM, ANIM, ANTH, ARBC, ARC, ART, ASL, BCOM, CHIN, CHNF, DANC, DCS, ENG, FILM, FLK, FREN		
AGEC 468	World Food Development	<b>27</b>
GEOG 300	Writing in the Geosciences	
GERM, HIST, HON, HUM		
IDFM 332	History of 20th Century Fashion	
IDST, JAPN, LME, MLNG, MUS, PERF, PHIL, POP		
MATH 409	History of Mathematics	
PSYS 380	Psychology and Science Fiction	
PSYS 481	History of Psychology	

RELS, SPAN, SPS, SUS, THEA, UCC

**Total Hours** 27**Science Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Science Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		
ACTU, AGECE, AGED, AGMC, AGRI, AGRO, AH, ANSC		
ART 444	Computer Animation III	
BCOM 429	Broadcast Meteorology	
ASTR, BDAS, BIOL, CE, CHEM, CHHS, CM, CS, DH		
EDU 385	Climate, Resources, & Society	
ELED 406	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	
EE, EM, EMDS, ENGR, ENV, EXS, GEOG, GEOL, GISC, HCA, HIM, HMD, HON, HORT, IDST, MATH, ME, METR, MFGE, NURS, PH, PHYS, PSY, PSYS, REC, SEAS, SMED, SPS, STAT, UCC		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

**Social and Behavioral Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Social and Behavioral Concentration can apply the following prefixes:</b>		
AERO, AFAM, ANTH, ARC, ASL, ATCU, CNS, COMM, CRIM, ECON, EDU, ELED, FACS, FLK, GEOG, GERO, GWS, HIST, HON, ID, IDFM, IDST, IECE, JOUR, LEAD, LME, LS, MIL, MKT, PE, PETE, PH, PLS, POP, PS, PSY, PSYS, RELS, SOCL, SPED, SPM, SPS, SWRK, UCC		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

**Technology Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Technology Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		
AGMC, ANIM, BCOM, BE, CE, CIS, CIT, CM, CS, CSCI, EE, EM, ENGR, ENV, GISC, HIM, HON, ID, IDFM, IDST, INS, ME, MFG		
MKT 331	Social Media Marketing	
OST, SEAS, SPS, UCC, UX, WFA		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

**Organization and Communication of Ideas Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Organization and Communication Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		
AD, AERO, ARBC, ART, ASL, BCOM, CD, CHHS, CHIN, CHNF, COMM, DH, EMDS, ENG, ENV, FILM, FLK, FREN, GERM, HCA, HON		
HORT 316	Greenhouse Maintenance and Operation	
HORT 317	Greenhouse Maintenance and Operation Laboratory	
HORT 420	Floral Shop Management	

IDST, ITAL, JAPN, KORE, LTCY, PE, PETE, PH, REC, RUSS, SOM, SPAN, SPM, SPS, SUPR, SWAH, SWRK, UCC, WFA

**Total Hours** 27**Social Justice and Equity Studies Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Social Justice and Equity Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		
AFAM, CRIM, DCS, ENV, GWS, HON, IDST, PH, PHIL, PLS, PS		
PSYS 353	Psychology of Prejudice and Stereotyping	
SPS, SWRK, UCC		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

**Sustainability Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Sustainability Concentration can apply the following prefixes:</b>		
AGRI, AGRO, ENV, GEOG, HON, HORT, IDST, SPS, UCC		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>