

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (558)

Program Coordinator

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The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree provides an academic option offering more flexibility than most traditional major programs. The BIS empowers students to select complementary courses from different disciplines or academic programs to create a course of study suited to individual interests and needs. This flexibility allows BIS students to complete their degree 100% online (if desired).

Areas of Concentration

- Arts (GSAR)
- Business (GSBU)
- Education (GSED)
- Health (GSHE)
- Humanities (GSHU)
- Organization and Communication of Ideas (GSCO)
- Social and Behavioral (GSSB)
- Science (GSSC)
- Social Justice and Equity Studies (GSSJ)
- Sustainability (GSSU)
- Technology (GSTE)

Program Requirements (36 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The student must complete a concentration of at least 36 semester hours. These hours include a capstone course (student may choose from IDST 495 or IDST 499). Students pursuing a minor as a secondary area of study must meet the published requirements for that minor. In accordance with broader WKU policies, students who select a major and minor combination must have 54 hours total between the major and the minor and 48 hours unduplicated.

In addition to the broad concentrations for the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program, students also have the option of requesting a broad area of concentration not listed. The written request, based on specific individual objectives, must be made by the student and approved by a BIS advisor, the Director, and the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Minimum Academic Requirements for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

- 36 hours in the concentration
- 42 hours of upper-level credits, including 12 upper-level hours in the concentration
- No more than 24 semester hours in a single academic discipline, no more than 30 semester hours in courses administered by the Gordon Ford College of Business.

Arts Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Arts Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		36
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		
Total Hours		36

Business Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Business Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		36
ACCT, ACTU, AD, AGEC		
ART 243	Digital Media	
BA, BDAN, BDAS, BE, BUS, CIS, CIT, CM, COMM, CRIM, CS, CSCI, DH, ECON, ENG, ENT, ENV, EMDS, FACS, FIN, FINC, GISC, HCA, HIM, HMD, HON		
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		
Total Hours		36

Education Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Education Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		36
AGED, BE, CNS, EDU, ELED		
ART 411	Foundations of Art Education and Methods II	
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
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
Total Hours	36

Health Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Health Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		
AH, BIOL, CD, CHEM, CHHS, COMM, DH, ENV, EXS, FACS, GERO, HCA, HED, HIM, HMD, HON, IDST, NURS, PE, PETE, PH		
Total Hours		36

PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 330	Philosophy of Science
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness
REC, SFTY, SPM, SPS, SWRK, UCC	
Total Hours	36

Humanities Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Humanities Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		
AFAM, ANIM, ANTH, ARBC, ARC, ART, ASL, BCOM, CHIN, CHNF, DANC, DCS, ENG, FILM, FLK, FREN		
AGEC 468	World Food Development	
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		36

Science Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Science Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		
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, MFG, NURS, PH, PHYS, PSY, PSYS, REC, SEAS, SMED, SPS, STAT, UCC		
Total Hours		36

Social and Behavioral Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Social and Behavioral Concentration can apply the following prefixes:		
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		
Total Hours		36

Technology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Technology Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		
Total Hours		36

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	Total Hours	36
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Organization and Communication of Ideas Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Organization and Communication Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		36

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	36
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Social Justice and Equity Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Social Justice and Equity Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:		36

AFAM, CRIM, DCS, ENV, GWS, HON, IDST, PH, PHIL, PLS, PS PSYS 353 Psychology of Prejudice and Stereotyping SPS, SWRK, UCC	Total Hours	36
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Sustainability Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing the Sustainability Concentration can apply the following prefixes:		36

AGRI, AGRO, ENV, GEOG, HON, HORT, IDST, SPS, UCC	Total Hours	36
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First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
IDST 199		3 COMM 145	3
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
MATH 116 or MATH 109		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
Foreign Language (if Level II is not appropriate in the first semester)		3 Foreign Language II (meets world language requirement)	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences		3 Colonnade: Arts & Humanities	3
		15	15

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science w/ Lab	3-4
Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Science		3 IDST Concentration	3
IDST Concentration		3 IDST Concentration	3
General or Certificate Elective		3 General or Certificate Elective	3
General or Certificate Elective		3 General or Certificate Elective	3
		15	15-16

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
IDST 395		3 Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global)	3
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)		3 IDST Concentration	3
IDST Concentration		3 IDST Concentration	3
IDST Concentration		3 IDST Concentration	3
General or Certificate Elective		3 General or Certificate Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Colonnade: Connections (Systems)		3 IDST 495 or IDST 499	1-3
IDST Concentration		3 IDST Concentration	3
IDST Concentration		3 IDST Concentration	3
General or Certificate Elective		3 General or Certificate Elective	3
General or Certificate Elective		3 General or Certificate Elective	3
		15	13-15

Total Hours 118-121