

# Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree is designed to allow curricular flexibility for students who desire to pursue coursework in more than one area of interest and allows students to customize their education toward their particular goals and plans for employment or advanced study. This degree in itself leads to no specific licensure or certification. Students seeking licensure or certification in their chosen field should consult with an academic advisor in that area. The transcript and diploma for this degree reads “Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies” with no major, minor, or theme designation. The BIS degree requires a minimum of 120 hours of college credit at the 1000-level or above. At least 40 hours must be at the 3000-4000 level. Specific degree requirements are:

1. Completion of the University’s 35-hour general education curriculum.
2. Completion of one primary theme and one secondary theme. Courses completed in any theme may not be used to fulfill other degree requirements.
3. Completion of 31 or fewer elective hours to reach the minimum 120 hours required for the degree. Any necessary prerequisites for chosen theme requirements may be used to fulfill the electives category. The student should consider required prerequisites when making elective course selections.
4. Achievement of a minimum 2.00 grade point average in each theme and overall.
5. Fulfillment of the University’s residency requirement.

To declare a major in Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, the student must have completed at least 45 hours at the 1000-level or above. The form for changing the major to Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies may be completed and submitted at the Office of Academic Affairs. Once the form is processed, the student may be assigned a professional academic advisor. Any student who declares a major in Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and then later decides to opt for a different baccalaureate degree will be required to fulfill all requirements (including major, minor) for the selected degree. Completion of one or more themes for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree does not necessarily satisfy completion of a major or minor from that theme.

## **Requirements for Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree:**

### **General Education Core: 35 hours**

English Composition: 6 Hours

ENGL 1013 Composition I

ENGL 1023 Composition II

Mathematics: 3 Hours

MATH 1003 Survey of Mathematics

Mathematics Course 1000-level or above

Communication: 3 Hours

One of the following courses:

COMM 1023 Public Speaking

COMM 2283 Business and Professional Speaking

COMM 2203 Interpersonal Communication

Fine Arts: 3 Hours

One of the following courses:

ART 1053 Art Appreciation

FA 1013 Fine Arts Appreciation

FA 1023 Film Appreciation

UAM Academic Affairs

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## MUS 1113 Music Appreciation

### Humanities: 3 Hours

One of the following courses:

ENGL 2283 Survey of World Literature I

ENGL 2293 Survey of World Literature II

### U.S. History or Government: 3 Hours

One of the following courses:

HIST 2213 American History I

HIST 2223 American History II

PSCI 2213 American National Government

### Social Sciences: 6 Hours

Two courses from two different disciplines from the following:

ANTH 2203 Cultural Anthropology

CJ 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice

ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2213 Principles of Microeconomics

GEOG 2213 General Geography I

GEOG 2223 General Geography II

HIST 1013 World History to 1500

HIST 1023 World History Since 1500

PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology

SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology

SWK 2123 Introduction to Social Work

### Basic Sciences: 8 Credit Hours

Choose eight hours from two 3-hour lecture courses with associated 1-hour labs or two 4-hour courses with integrated labs chosen from the following groups:

#### Biological Sciences

BIOL 1063/1071 Introduction to Biology/Lab

BIOL 1083/1091 Principles of Biology II/Lab

#### Earth Sciences

ESCI 1063/1051 Elements of Geology/Lab

ESCI 1073/1081 Earth and Atmosphere/Lab

ESCI 1033/1041 Elements of Astronomy/Lab

#### Chemistry

CHEM 1023/1031 Introduction to Chemistry/Lab

CHEM 1103/1121 General Chemistry I/Lab

CHEM 1113/1131 General Chemistry II/Lab

#### Physics

PHYS 2203/2231 College Physics I/Lab

PHYS 2313/2231 University Physics/Lab

**Theme(s) – 54 hours**

With the assistance of his/her advisor, a student selects a primary theme and a secondary theme from the options below. The themes must be different.

**Primary theme, 36 hours.** A minimum of 15 hours must be from courses with the same prefix and at least 9 of those hours must be upper level (3000-4000). An additional 21 hours must be taken from a combination of prefixes including 9 hours of upper level (3000-4000). Professional Studies theme can only be selected as a secondary theme.

**Primary theme = 36 hours**

15 hours	21 hours
Same prefix with 9 hours of upper-level coursework	Combination of prefixes with 9 hours of upper-level coursework

**Secondary theme, 18 hours.** A minimum of 18 hours is required with at least 9 hours at the upper level (3000-4000). The hours may be a combination of prefixes.

**Available Themes:**

Arts & Humanities	Business Technology	Education	Health Care
Choose courses from: ART, COMM, ENGL, FA, FREN, MODL, MUS, PHIL, PMUS, SPAN	Choose courses from: ACCT, CIS, ECON, FIN, GB, MGMT, MKT, CS	Choose courses from: EDUC, EXSC, MAED, MLED, PE, READ, SCED, SPED	Choose courses from: NURS, BIOL, PSY, SOC
Natural Resources	Math & Science	Social Sciences	Professional Studies
Choose courses from: AGEC, AGRI, AGRO, ANSC, BIOL, ENTO, NRM, SURV	Choose courses from: BIOL, CHEM, CS, ENGR, ESCI, MAED, MATH, PHYS, SCED	Choose courses from: ANTH, CJ, GEOG, HIST, PSCI, PSY, SOC, SWK	Choose a combination of courses that target skills necessary for your chosen field of employment. <b>(secondary only)</b>

**Electives – 31 or fewer hours**

*NOTE: The electives must include sufficient 3000-4000 level courses to meet the required 40 upper-level hours needed for this degree.*

**Total hours –120**