A Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is a popular degree that allows you to develop your own unique yet rigorous program. Based on areas of experience and interest, you'll participate in a broad and demanding program that will introduce you to the essential knowledge of different disciplines and guide you in discerning the connections across those disciplines. You'll participate in a well-rounded education designed to enhance reasoning, intellect, and ethical development with courses that include English and literature, social sciences, behavioral sciences, mathematics, humanities, natural sciences, and others. This rich and challenging path will prepare you for professional work in the changeable modern world and global economy.

Program highlights:
- Entire program can be completed online
- Use critical thinking for the collection, validation, analysis, and synthesis of information
- Demonstrate a deep and flexible understanding of your subject matter
- Integrate knowledge in a global context and engage in collaborative research across disciplines
- Recognize and appreciate the cultural perspectives of world views
- Use technology for knowledge sharing and an interdisciplinary approach
MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) provides a broad, rigorous education that introduces students to essential knowledge, and connections across the disciplines and application of knowledge to life beyond the University. This degree gives students an enriched and provocative curriculum that prepares them for professional work in a changing cultural and economic environment.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of interdisciplinary theory and the practice of critical thinking for the collection, validation, analysis, and synthesis of historical data and new information.
• Explain the integration of knowledge in a global context and engage in collaborative research across disciplines.
• Identify and appreciate the cultural perspectives of world views.
• Use information communication technology for knowledge sharing and the interdisciplinary approach.
• Demonstrate a deep and flexible understanding of subject matter.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level and a minimum 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements. The following courses are specific degree requirements. If students intend to complete a teacher credentialing program, these courses will help prepare for the MSAT requirements. The following courses are specific degree requirements. If students intend to complete a teacher credentialing program, these courses will help prepare for the MSAT requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, students may need to take additional general electives to satisfy the total units for the degree. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

Preparation for the Major

(3 courses; 13.5 quarter units)

ENG 310  English Grammar
Prerequisite: ENG 101

OR

ENG 375  Nature Writing
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101, ENG 240 or ENG 334A

HIS 220A  United States History I
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

OR

HIS 220B  United States History II
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

LIT 100  Introduction to Literature
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

Requirements for the Major

(13 courses; 58.5 quarter units)

COM 380  Democracy in the Info. Age
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 336  American Film and Society
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

OR

SOC 350  Cultural Diversity
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

BIS 301  Intro to Interdisc. Studies

BIS 401  Interdisciplinary Practice: In
Prerequisite: BIS 301 and four additional courses from the major

4.5 quarter units in literature (LIT) are required. The following are recommended:

LIT 321  American Literature I
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 322  American Literature II
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 338  Shakespeare
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 345  Mythology
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 446  Studies in Poetry
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 450  Studies in the Novel
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

LIT 460  Gender and Literature
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240

4.5 quarter units in social sciences (HIS, POL, SOC) are required. The following are recommended:

HIS 320  Culture of Global Capitalism
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HIS 341  History Through Theater
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HIS 410  California History
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 325  Popular Culture
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 344  Marriage, Sex and the Family
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 430  Culture, Technology & Society
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 445  Contemporary Social Problems
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 540  Power and Social Change
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

4.5 quarter units in behavioral sciences (HUB, PSY) are required. The following are recommended:

HUB 420  Human Communication
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

HUB 440  Organizational Development
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 426  History & Philosophy of Psych
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 427  Biological Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 428  Developmental Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 429  Intro to Personality Theory
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 432  Social Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

PSY 433  Cognitive Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

Students should choose no fewer than 4.5 quarter units in natural science and 4.5 quarter units in mathematics. A third 4.5 quarter unit course (either SCI, BIO, EES, or MTH) must also be selected. Some of the mathematics courses may have more than one prerequisite. The following are recommended:

SCI 300  Geography

BIO 330  Ecology
Prerequisite: BIO 161, BIO 162, BIO 163, BIO 100A, CHE 141, CHE 142, CHE 143 and CHE 101A

BIO 411  Biodiversity
Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 161, BIO 162, BIO163 and BIO 100A, or BIO 100A or equivalent

BIO 450  Natural History of California
Prerequisite: BIO 161, BIO 162, BIO 163 and BIO 100A, or BIO 100 and BIO 100A

MTH 301  Fundamentals of Mathematics II
Prerequisite: MTH 209A or Accuplacer test placement evaluation

OR

MTH 317  Mathematical Modeling
Prerequisite: MTH 215 or MTH 216A and MTH 216B and MTH 210

MTH 410  Technology in Math Education
Prerequisite: MTH 215 or MTH 216A and MTH 216B or MTH 301

MTH 411  Number Theory
Prerequisite: MTH 215 or MTH 216B or MTH 301

MTH 412  History of Mathematics
Prerequisite: MTH 215 or MTH 301 or MTH 216A and MTH 216B

MTH 417  Foundations of Geometry
Prerequisite: MTH 216A and MTH 216B or MTH 215 and MTH 311

MTH 418  Statistical Analysis
Prerequisite: MTH 210 and MTH 220

BIS 405  Genetic Anthropology
Prerequisite: BIS 301, recommended: prior completion of: MTH 215
Nine quarter units from the humanities complex (ART, HIS, HUM, MUS, PHL, SOC, THR, GLS) are required. The following are recommended:

ART 315  Film as Art  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

ART 323  Modern Art  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

ART 329  World Art  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

GLS 410  Gender and Global Society  
Prerequisite: ENG 240

HIS 345  Latin American Studies  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HIS 348  Asian Studies  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HIS 349  African Studies  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HIS 370  History of the American S/W  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

MUS 326  American Music  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

MUS 327  World Music  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PHL 320  World Religions  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PHL 339  Study of a Major Philosopher  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PHL 375  Environmental Ethics  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PHL 337  Ethics  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 328  Intercultural Thinking  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 500  Cultural Pluralism in the USA  
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

Capstone course  
BIS 499  Interdisciplinary Studies Project

Upper-Division Electives  
(2 courses; 9 quarter units)

Students can select any 300, 400, or 500 level courses in arts and sciences to complete the total of 76.5 upper-division units for the degree. Students will need a Task Stream account for portfolio work. Please refer to your Academic Program Director for more information (including fees).