



COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

A Customized Program for a Unique Education

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

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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 and Basic Skills requirement tests. 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 100 and 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 <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
ART 323	Modern Art <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
ART 329	World Art <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
GLS 410	Gender and Global Society <i>Prerequisite: ENG 240</i>
HIS 345	Latin American Studies <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
HIS 348	Asian Studies <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
HIS 349	African Studies <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
HIS 370	History of the American S/W <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
MUS 326	American Music <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
MUS 327	World Music <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
PHL 320	World Religions <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
PHL 339	Study of a Major Philosopher <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
PHL 375	Environmental Ethics <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
PHL 337	Ethics <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
SOC 328	Intercultural Thinking <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
SOC 500	Cultural Pluralism in the USA <i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>

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).