

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS
(120 CREDIT HOURS) ON-GROUND/COMPLETER DEGREE**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in [Interdisciplinary Studies](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree with a concentration in Arts and Sciences is flexible, and allows students to concentrate their upper-level studies in one of the three concentrations: the humanities, the social sciences, or the natural sciences. The program exposes the student to the knowledge and methodologies of two specific disciplines within a given concentration. The degree permits students to develop a personalized program of study in consultation with their advisor which would not be met through participation in a traditional discipline. This degree program is designed to provide students with flexibility while maintaining the quality and excellence expected of all degree programs.

Students may select one of the three concentrations, and identify their first discipline, which requires 15 semester hours of upper-level (3000-4000) courses. The second discipline requires 8 semester hours of upper-level courses. For example, a student with a concentration in the Humanities may choose any two of the following disciplines: Art, English, French, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish, and Theatre. A student with a social sciences concentration may choose any two of the following disciplines: Africana Studies, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Communications. A student with a natural sciences concentration may choose any two of the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
		Meet With Academic Advisor
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade "C" Required
Humanities/Fine Arts**	3	
	3	
BIOL 1010***	4	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)****		
Total hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 100 at TSU.

**Students must select a course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Humanities/Fine Arts requirement: AREN 2310, ART 1030; HIST 1000, MUS 1030; PHIL 1030, RELS 2010, THTR 1020.

***Natural Sciences – Students must have eight (8) semester hours including the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031 or ASTR 1010.

****Students may select 1000/2000 level courses from any department. Examples include: AFA 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 1010, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2420, SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
		Meet With Academic Advisor
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade "C" Required
Humanities/Fine Arts*	3	
Social /Behavioral Sciences**	3	
BIOL 1020***	4	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)****	3	
Total hours	16	

*Students must select a course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Humanities/Fine Arts requirement: AREN 2310, ART 1030; HIST 1000, MUS 1030; PHIL 1030, RELS 2010, THTR 1020.

* Students must select course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 2010, POLI 1010, PSYC 2010, SOCI 2010, WMST 2000, URBS 2010.

***Natural Sciences – Students must have eight (8) semester hours including the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031 or ASTR 1010.

****Students may take Lower Division Elective (ELLD) courses from any department, examples include: AFAS 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 1010, POLS 2010, PSY 2110, PSY 2420, SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
Introduction to Discipline 1*		Meet With Academic Advisor; Discipline one (1) requires fifteen (15) credit hours
Social /Behavioral Sciences**	3	
HIST 2010***	3	
English Literature****	3	
MATH 1013 or MATH 1110	3	
COMM 2200	3	
Total hours	15	

*Discipline one (1) must be selected from one of the following areas: Humanities, (Art, English, French, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish, and Theatre), Natural Science (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics), or Social Science (Africana Studies, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Communications).

**Students must select course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 2010, POLI 1010, PSYC 2010, SOCI 2010, WMST 2000, or URBS 2010.

***The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2020 HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

****The Department recommends the course cited above; however, courses within the range of ENGL 201 - ENGL 232 will meet this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
Introduction to Discipline 2*	3	Meet With Academic Advisor; Discipline two (2) requires 8 credit hours
HIST 2020**	3	
Humanities/Fine Arts***	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)****	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)****	3	
Total Hours	15	

** Discipline two (2) must be selected from one of the following areas: Humanities, (Art, English, French, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish, and Theatre), Natural Science (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics), or Social Science (Africana Studies, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Communications).selected from one of the following areas: Humanities, Natural Science, or Social Science.

**The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 207 or HIST 270 satisfy this requirement.

*** Students must select course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Humanities/Fine Arts requirement: AREN 2310, ART 1030; HIST 1000, MUS 1030; PHIL 1030, RELS 2010, THTR 1020.

****Students may take Lower Division Elective (ELLD) courses from any department, examples include: AFAS 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 101 POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2420,SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010.

Students must remember **NOT** to duplicate course option from previous semester.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
1 st Discipline 3000/4000*	3	Meet With Academic Advisor; Discipline one (1) requires fifteen (15) credit hours
2nd Discipline 3000/4000*	3	Discipline two (2) requires 8 credit hours
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)**	3	
Lower Division or Upper Division Elective***	3	
Lower Division or Upper Division Elective***	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Discipline one (1) and discipline two (2) must be selected from one of the following areas: Humanities, Natural Science, or Social Science.

**Upper division electives may be selected from any department, examples include: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, ART 3000, COMM 3000, COMM 3200, COMM 3370, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3210, ENGL 3110, ENGL 4210, GEOG 3010, GEOG 3100, HIST 3010, HIST 3020, HPSS 3050, HPSS 3200, MUSC 3370, MUSC 4220, POLI 3000, POLI 3150, or THTR 3000,

***Students may take Lower Division Elective (ELLD) courses from any department, examples include: AFAS 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 101, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2420, SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010.

Students must remember **NOT** to duplicate a course option from a previous semester.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
1 st Discipline*	3	Meet With Academic Advisor
1 st Discipline*	3	Discipline one (1) requires fifteen (15) credit hours
2nd Discipline*	3	Discipline two (2) requires 8 credit hours
Upper Division 3000/4000 Liberal Arts Elective**	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)****	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Discipline one (1) and discipline two (2) must be selected from one of the following areas: Humanities, Natural Science, or Social Science.

**Students may take Upper Division Elective (ELUD) courses from Liberal Arts Department, examples include: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, ART 3000, COMM 3000, COMM 3200, COMM 3370, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3210, ENGL 3110, ENGL 4210, GEOG 3010, GEOG 3100, HIST 3010, HIST 3020, HPSS 3050, HPSS 3200, MUSC 3370, MUSC 4220, POLI 3000, POLI 3150, or THTR 3000,

Students may take Upper Division Elective (ELUD) courses from any department, examples include:

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
1 st Discipline*	3	Meet With Academic Advisor; Discipline one (1) requires fifteen (15) credit hours
2nd Discipline*	3	Discipline two (2) requires 8 credit hours
Upper Division 3000/4000 Liberal Arts Elective**	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)***	3	
Lower or Upper Division Elective ****	3	
Total Hours	15	

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**Students may take Upper Division Elective (ELUD) courses from any department, examples include: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, ART 3000, COMM 3000, COMM 3200, COMM 3370, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3210, ENGL 3110, ENGL 4210, GEOG 3010, GEOG 3100, HIST 3010, HIST 3020, HPSS 3050, HPSS 3200, MUSC 3370, MUSC 4220, POLI 3000, POLI 3150, or THTR 3000,

****Students may select lower or upper division courses from and department. examples include: AFAS 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 101, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSY 2420, SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010. Students must remember **NOT** to duplicate a course option from a previous semester.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
1 st Discipline*	3	Meet With Academic Advisor; Discipline one (1) requires fifteen (15) credit hours
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)**	3	Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)**	3	
Lower or Upper Division Elective ***	6	
Lower or Upper Division Elective ***	6	
Total Hours	15	

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**Students should take Upper Division courses example include: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, ART 3000, COMM 3000, COMM 3200, COMM 3370, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3210, ENGL 3110, ENGL 4210, GEOG 3010, GEOG 3100, HIST 3010, HIST 3020, HPSS 3050, HPSS 3200, MUSC 3370, MUSC 4220, POLI 3000, POLI 3150, or THTR 3000

***Students may select lower or upper division courses from and department. examples include: AFAS 2010, AGSC 1200, AGSC 1410, COMM 1040, COMM 1060, COMM 2100, CRMJ 2010, ECFS 1010, ECFS 2010, DIGN 2010, FREN 1010, HSMG 2000, MGMT 1010, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2420, SOCI 1010, SOCI 2300, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, or THTR 1010.

Employment Information:

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies are typically working adults who wish to 1) Complete a degree for career advancement or 2) Complete the degree for professional development. Primarily, students graduating with this degree are then eligible for promotion or another position requiring a bachelor's degree within their existing workplace. This program places students on path to pursue graduate degrees. Students have access to University career counseling services and assistance with job placement.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Educator, Case Manager, Curator, Customer Service Representative, Sociologist, Historian, and Editor

Representative Employers:

Chamber of Commerce, Department, Government Agencies, School Systems, Hospitals, Newspapers, Museums

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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