

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS
(120 CREDIT HOURS) ONLINE/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 Professional Studies with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Studies, while not limited to this population, has been designed especially for adults who have earned an associate degree, or have completed some college work beyond high school. The program has been designed to be flexible and to allow the creation of individualized majors centered on a number of cognate or concentration options. The major must include two upper division cognate or concentration areas (12 hours per area). No course may be used for more than one concentration.

This program is specifically designed for adults who have completed college work beyond 60 credit hours and who wish to complete a degree for career advancement or professional development. The flexibility of being able to choose a cognate or concentration allows for the individualized development of a program of study based on past college experience. Cognates or concentrations are selected which can provide skills and knowledge in two (2) areas that are not only practical, but can be applied immediately in one's working environment. Examples of Concentrations: Psychology, English, Sociology, History, Biology, Art, Communications, Social Work, Business, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Political Science, Teaching & Learning, Health Physical Education & Recreation, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Organizational Leadership, Health Administration, Mathematics, Music, Geography, Urban Studies, Agriculture, Early Childhood

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	
MATH 1010 or MATH 1130	3	This course may be substituted with MATH 1010 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts).
BIOL 1018***	4	
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 101 and BIOL 1019.

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 1019***	4	
SPCH 1010 or COMM 2200	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.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		Meet With Academic Advisor
Social /Behavioral Sciences*	3	
HIST 2010**	3	
English Literature***	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD) ****	3	
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Total hours	15	

*Students must select a 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.

**The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 207 or HIST 270 satisfy this requirement.

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

****Students may take Lower Division Elective (ELLD) courses from any department, examples include: ACCT 1010, ACCT 1020, ALH 1000, BUSN 1300, BUSN 1301, BUSN 1305, CMT 1010, COMM 1010, CRMJ 1010, CRMJ 1020, ECED 1310, FREN 1010, INFS 1010, PHIL 121, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2120, PSYC 2130, PSYC 223, PSYC 215, SOCI 1020, SOCI 1120, SOCI 2011, SOCI 217, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, TELC 2010, TELC 2013, THEA 1030, WEB 2120, WEB 2811, WEB 2812.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Meet With Academic Advisor
HIST 2020*	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)**	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)**	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)**	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 207 or HIST 270 satisfy this requirement. Students must remember **NOT** to duplicate course option from a previous semester.

Students may take Lower Division Elective (ELLD) courses from any department, examples include: ACCT 1010, ACCT 1020, ALH 1000, BUSN 1300, BUSN 1301, BUSN 1305, CMT 1010, COMM 1010, CRMJ 1010, CRMJ 1020, ECED 1310, FREN 1010, INFS 1010, PHIL 121, POLS 2010, PSYC 2110, PSYC 2120, PSYC 2130, PSYC 223, PSYC 215, SOCI 1020, SOCI 1120, SOCI 2011, SOCI 217, SPAN 1010; SPAN 1020, TELC 2010, TELC 2013, THEA 1030, WEB 2120, WEB 2811, WEB 2812. Students must remember **NOT to duplicate a course option from a previous semester.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		Meet With Academic Advisor
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)*	3	
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Lower Division Elective (ELLD)*	3	
Total Hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		Meet With Academic Advisor
Cognate Area I 3000-4000 level courses*	3	
Cognate Area II 3000-4000 level courses**	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)***	3	
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Total Hours	15	

*Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area I (Example: PS 3590, PSYC 3210, PSYC 3305, PSYC 3306).

**Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area II (Example: ENGL 3134, 3250, 3290, 3730, 4100).

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Meet With Academic Advisor
Cognate Area I 3000-4000 level courses*	3	
Cognate Area II 3000-4000 level courses**	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)***	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)***	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)***	3	
Total Hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Meet With Academic Advisor
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
UNIV 4995 (Senior Culminating Project)	3	Students must have senior status to enroll in this course; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Cognate Area I 3000-4000 level courses*	6	
Cognate Area II 3000-4000 level courses**	6	
Total Hours	15	

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**Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area II (Example: ENGL 3134, 3250, 3290, 3730, 4100).

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. Students have access to career counseling services and assistance with job placement.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

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

Representative Employers:

Chamber of Commerce, Department of Resources, 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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