

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: LIBERAL ART ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BA (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Arts & Sciences with a concentration in Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences](#). 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, a student should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The B.S in Arts and Sciences (Interdisciplinary Studies) degree program is a creative, flexible, and inter-disciplinary program which 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, which is the Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences, 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.

All students must select two disciplines for their major upper division hours. Each student will take 15 hours in the first discipline and 8-9 hours in the second discipline (8 is possible when classes have labs – please consult with an advisor). Further, the student must take 9 hours in upper division Arts & Science electives (see below) and 9-10 upper division general electives.

Available Disciplines

Students should select two disciplines from one of the three areas - Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. Students may use disciplines from two different areas upon approval of the program.

Natural Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics

Social Sciences: Africana Studies, History, Communications, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Geography

Humanities: Art, Philosophy, English, Religious Studies, French, Spanish, Theatre

Arts and Science Electives

Arts and Science electives are drawn from the same disciplines as the concentrations. Students may also take Social Work or Music for their Arts and Science electives, but may not use them as concentrations.

It is recommended that students take the introductory courses for their chosen disciplines in their first two years. These courses are frequently prerequisites for the upper division courses. For example, PSCY 2010 is a prerequisite for many upper division Psychology courses.

More information as well as important forms are available at www.tnstate.edu/ids

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: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed 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 (615) 963-7001.

Department Chair:

Mapping Coordinator:

Department Web Address: www.tnstate.edu/ids

For the purposes of this degree map the selected Discipline areas are: Psychology and Sociology

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
INTRO COURSE FOR 1 st DISCIPLINE*	3	For example, PSYC 2010 is the introductory course for the Psychology Discipline
ELECTIVE**	3	
NATURAL SCIENCE***	4	
UNIV 1000****	1	
Total Hours	14	

*Students should take the intro level course for the first discipline.

**Lower level electives may be selected from any department.

*** Natural Science- Students must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, BIOL 2210/2211, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010.

**** An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
INTRO COURSE FOR 2 ND DISCIPLINE*	3	For example, SOCI 2010 is the introductory course for the Sociology Discipline
NATURAL SCIENCE**	4	
ELECTIVE***	3	
HUMANITIES****	3	
Total Hours	16	

*Students should take the intro level course for the second (2nd) discipline.

**Natural Science- Students must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1020/1021, BIOL 2220/2221, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2020/2021 or ASTR 1020.

***Lower level electives may be selected from any department.

**** Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
HIST*	3	
ENGL LIT. **	3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE ***	3	
COMM 2200	3	
MATH****	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

**Courses within the range of ENGL 2012 through ENGL 2322 will meet this requirement.

***The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

****Students may select one of the following MATH courses to meet this general education requirement: MATH 1013, MATH 1110, MATH 1410, MATH 1710, MATH 1720, MATH 1730 MATH 1830, MATH 1910 or MATH 1915.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HUMANITIES*	3	
ELECTIVE**	6	
ELECTIVE**	3	
HIST***	3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE****	4	
Total Hours	15	

*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030 or RELS 2010. Students must remember not to duplicate a Humanities course option from a previous semester.

**Students may take a lower level (1000-2000) course from any department.

***The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

**** The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010. Student must not duplicate a course options from a previous semester.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
1 ST DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Psychology; students may select PSYC 3150,
2 ND DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If Discipline is Sociology; students may select SOCI 3101,
ARTS & SCIENCES ELECTIVE 3000-4000*	3	
ELECTIVE 3000-4000**	3	
ELECTIVE***	3	
Total Hours	15	

*An upper level (3000-4000) Arts and Sciences elective may be selected from the following list: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, CRMS 3010, CRMJ 3020, SOCI 3101, SOCI 3200, THTR 3000, or THTR 3410,

**An upper division elective may be chosen from any department.

***Students may take a lower or upper division elective from any department.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
1 ST DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Psychology; students may select PSYC 3210
1 ST DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Sociology; students may select SOCI 3500
2 ND DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	
ARTS & SCIENCES ELECTIVE 3000-4000*	3	
ELECTIVE 3000-4000**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*An upper level (3000-4000) Arts and Sciences elective may be selected from the following list: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, CRMS 3010, CRMJ 3020, SOCI 3101, SOCI 3200, THTR 3000, or THTR 3410,

**An upper division elective may be chosen from any department.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
1 ST DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Psychology; students may select PSYC 3230
2 ND DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Sociology; students may select SOCI 3600
ARTS & SCIENCES ELECTIVE 3000-4000	3	
ELECTIVE 3000-4000	3	
ELECTIVE	3	
Total Hours	15	

*An upper level (3000-4000) Arts and Sciences elective may be selected from the following list: AFAS 3000, AFAS 3050, CRMS 3010, CRMJ 3020, SOCI 3101, SOCI 3200, THTR 3000, or THTR 3410,

**An upper division elective may be chosen from any department.

***Students may take a lower or upper division elective from any department.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
1 ST DISCIPLINE 3000-4000	3	If the Discipline is Psychology; students may select PSYC 3510
ELECTIVE 3000-4000	3	
ELECTIVE 3000-4000	3	
ELECTIVE*	3	
ELECTIVE*	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Students may take a lower or upper division elective from any department.

Employment Information:

Employment is for Arts & Sciences (IDS) majors is open ended and dependent on the course of study each student designs. Students should consult both their advisors, the career counseling center and potential employers about courses they should take and skills they should develop to prepare themselves for the field they are interested in.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Arts & Science majors find employment in a number of areas dependent on path of study; thus, there are a number of job titles related to this major.

Representative Employers:

Arts & Science majors find employment in a number of areas dependent on path of study. Many work in government and social services, but there is no "typical" career path.

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 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.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.