

<p style="text-align: center;">INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS – Can be Considered a Completer Degree)</p>
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This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep you on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When you miss one or more milestones, you should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable for you.

The Bachelor of Science 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: 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.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade of "C" required.
Humanities/Fine Arts**	3	Students may take any of the required Humanities/Fine Arts courses.
MATH 1130	3	This course may be substituted with MATH 1010 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts).
Social /Behavioral Sciences***	3	Students may take any of the required Social/Behavioral Science courses.
Total hours	13	

*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.

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

*** 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.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade of "C" required.
Humanities/Fine Arts	3	Student may take any of the required Humanities/Fine Arts courses.
Social /Behavioral Sciences	3	Students may take any of the required Social /Behavioral Science courses.
BIOL 1018*	4	
SPCH 1010 or COMM 2200	3	
Total hours	16	

*Natural Sciences – Students must have eight (8) semester hours which include the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1018 and BIOL 1019.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
BIOL 1019	4	
HIST 2010*	3	
English Literature**	3	Students may take courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2320 to meet this requirement
Lower Division Elective (ELLD) ¹	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Total hours	16	

*Students are recommended to take HIST 2010 and HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HIST 2020	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD) ¹	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Total hours	15	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
Lower Division Elective (ELLD) ¹	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Lower Division Elective (ELLD)	3	
Total hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
Cognate Area I (3000-4000 level courses)	3	Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area I (Example: PSY 3590, PSYC 3210, PSYC 3305, PSYC 3306).
Cognate Area II (3000-4000 level courses)	3	Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area II (Example: ENGL 3134, 3250, 3290, 3730, 4100).
Upper Division Elective (ELUD) ²	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)	3	
Total hours	15	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
Cognate Area I (3000-4000 level courses)	3	Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area I (Example: PSY 3590, PSYC 3210, PSYC 3305, PSYC 3306).
Cognate Area II (3000-4000 level courses)	3	Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area II (Example: ENGL 3134, 3250, 3290, 3730, 4100).
Upper Division Elective (ELUD) ²	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)	3	
Upper Division Elective (ELUD)	3	
Total hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
UNIV 4995 (Senior Culminating Project)	3	Senior Status
Cognate Area I (3000-4000 level courses)	3	Students should take Upper Division courses from Cognate Area I (Example: PSY 3590, PSYC 3210, PSYC 3305, PSYC 3306).
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Total hours	15	

¹Students 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.

²Students may take Upper Division Elective (ELUD) courses from any department, examples include: BGMT 3600, BMGT 3630, COBH 4707, COMM 3003, COMM 3010, COMM 3561, COMM 4410, COMM 4910, CRMJ 4530, EDCI 4900, ELED 4260, ENGL 3134, ENGL 3250, ENGL 3291, ENGL 3731, ENGL 4101, ENGL 4700, ENTC 3030, GEOG 3710, HETH 44210, HETH 4212, HETH 4213, HIST 3035, HIST 3121, HIST 3811, HIST 3880, HIST 4670, HIST 4685, HPSS 3550, JOUR 3400, JOUR 3409, JOUR 3421, JOUR 4410, LDSP 3000, LIST 4093, MGMT 3610, MRCH 4300, ORCO 3240, PADM 3601, PADM 4226, PETE 3307, PM 4120, POLI 3620, POLI 4230, POLI 4350, POLS 3010, POLS 4508, PS 3330, PSY 3590, PSYC 3306, PTMA 3500, SOC 3150, SOC 3200, SOC 3650, SOC 3700, SOC 4010, SOC 4330, SOC 4510, SOC 4530, SOC 4720, SPAN 3550, SW 3170, SW 3200, TEAE 4260, TEAE 4300, TEAE 4437, TEAE 4500, TEAE 4501, TECH 4381, TELC 4001, TELC 4002, TELC 4003, TELC 4004, TELC 4005, TELC 4006, UNIV 3535, UNIV 3565, UNIV 3580, UNIV 3581, UNIV 3713.

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 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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