

Major in Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.

Bachelor of Science Degree

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The Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies is intended to allow students maximum flexibility to custom-design a curriculum to their personal and career goals. Such a program of study must assure depth as well as breadth of study. Therefore, students must take a total of 39 upper-division hours across at least two different disciplines. Each discipline must have a minimum of 12 upper division hours. Alternatively, students could choose to have an equal emphasis in two disciplines. Students must earn a grade of C or above in these upper division requirements. The university core curriculum requirements must also be met.

To insure coherence in the program, the student must construct and explain in writing the rationale for the Interdisciplinary Studies program's direct relationship to the student's personal and career goals. Each student will be required to identify advisors in the academic disciplines included in the program, who will agree to sponsor the student in drawing up the proposed curriculum, formulating the rationale, and presenting the case orally and in writing to the Interdisciplinary Studies Council. Students prepare a curriculum for their proposal that includes course work in writing/communication, course work in theory/culture, and course work in application/integration. All three areas must be included in their program of study. Each program requires the following to ensure a focused, unique proposal:

- Interdisciplinary Studies Program must combine at least two disciplines
- Student must be working with a faculty advisor and have a collaborative advisor from the additional disciplines
- Student must take 39 hours in upper division courses from these disciplines
- Program proposal must list student learning outcomes
- Proposal must also describe the niche that this combined program fulfills that cannot be fulfilled with one of the degrees already offered at KSU
- Students must have some summative experience, through research, coursework, internship, or practicum to integrate the interdisciplinary program

The student, along with at least one advisor, must meet with the Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Council to present the proposed program and answer questions concerning the Interdisciplinary Studies curriculum proposal. If approved, the student may proceed with the curriculum. The Council will meet during the fall, spring and summer semesters, and students must make written application by the second week in the semester.

The following is the proposed curriculum for the major in Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.

GENERAL EDUCATION	42
UNIVERSITY-WIDE FITNESS FOR LIVING REQUIREMENT	3
*LOWER DIVISION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (AREA F)	18

***UPPER DIVISION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 39**

Consisting of a minimum of 12 credit hours in each discipline, with a minimum of two disciplines. Each discipline must include courses focusing on a single theme (although they may represent diverse departments) and be consistent with career and educational goals.

***RELATED STUDIES 9**

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12

PROGRAM TOTAL: 123

*These areas are to be planned closely with the student's advisor and approved by the Interdisciplinary Studies Council.

Students are strongly encouraged to have some form of an internship, practicum, or applied experience in their program. However, if students do not have any of those listed, they should have coursework or projects within courses that pull together the disciplines in a very specific, focused experience.

Any unforeseen and/or necessary changes can be made on the recommendation of the student's advisor and the approval of the Interdisciplinary Studies Council.