

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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Multidisciplinary Studies Mission Statement

The graduate of the multidisciplinary studies program is prepared for a dynamic world by examining the interconnections inherent in human populations as well as the natural and built planet. Students are required to think deeply, value diversity, and employ a variety of perspectives in their address of a globalized world. Multidisciplinary studies students are especially positioned to take on the changing and emerging nature of information across many disciplines.

Program Description

Often, students possess a broad range of interests that do not fit into a “traditional” major. Further, many professions and graduate and/or professional programs demand interdisciplinary thinking. The MTDS is designed so that the graduate can synthesize and apply skills and knowledge from multiple disciplines to address complex issues encountered in society, career, and personal life. The area of concentration chosen will determine whether the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in General Studies is awarded.

Multidisciplinary Program Learning Outcomes

The Graduate will:

- 1. Evaluate phenomena from at least three major study areas using concepts and theories.
- 2. Incorporate interdisciplinary thinking to address real world problems.

What You Will Study

The MTDS degree program consists of three academic minors from various disciplines, plus an MTDS Capstone course. A variety of predetermined, recommended combinations of specific minors are available to the student. However, the student can make their own choice of minors with the guidance of the MTDS program advisor.

Examples:

- Political Science / History / Professional Writing
- Entrepreneurship / Business / Professional Writing
- Entrepreneurship / Business / Digital Media Design
- Psychology / Criminal Justice / Political Science
- Psychology / Communication / History

Students pursuing this degree option must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
- Amass a total of 30 upper-division credit hours, 15 of which must be earned during the senior year;
- Keep a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
- Declare an area of concentration based on the courses completed.
- Demonstrate achievement of exit-level standard for at least one academic minor
- Successfully complete the Multidisciplinary Studies Capstone course.

Approved Academic Minor	Credits Required for Minor	Approved Academic Minor	Credits Required for Minor
Applied Computer Science	20	History	18
Biology	19	Math	18
Business Administration	21	Organizational Leadership	18
Chemistry	18	Political Science	18
Communication	18	Professional Writing	19
Criminal Justice	18	Psychology	18
Data Science	21	Public Health	21
Digital Marketing & Sales	18	Regional Studies in Appalachia	18
Digital Media Design	18	Sport Business	18
English	18	Strength & Conditioning	18
Entrepreneurship	24	Video Game Development	21
Health Science	18		