

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies is an inquiry-centered degree for students who want to engage in extended study of a complex problem--one with multiple dimensions or interacting parts that cannot be adequately addressed fully within the confines of a single discipline (field of study). For example, a comprehensive answer to the question, “Can democracy work at a global scale?”, would need to combine insights from a mix of disciplines, such as political science, sociology, mass communications, psychology, geography, economics, philosophy, history, and literature. Addressing complex problems necessitates: depth of knowledge in multiple academic fields, intellectual boundary-crossing in search of ideas, concepts, and techniques, and integration of these to produce a comprehensive solution or understanding. Thus, the BIS offers an academic pathway for students who want to work both within and across multiple academic disciplines while systematically developing the techniques and tools of interdisciplinary inquiry and problem-solving.

ABOUT THIS MAP

The Four-Year Plan is designed only as a guide. It does not guarantee; 1) that all courses listed will be offered during a given semester, or 2) if they are offered that the scheduling will not conflict. Estimated time of completion is based on 15 hour semesters, with no summer classes. A change in hours or courses taken during the summer will either reduce (taking 18 hrs or summers) or extend (taking less than 15 hrs) the time needed. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Archivist
- Charity Fundraiser
- Clergy
- Community Development Worker
- Editorial Assistant
- Educator
- Historian
- Mediator
- Newspaper Journalist
- Youth Worker

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Arts Management
- Cultural Heritage Management
- Ethics
- Global & Comparative Studies
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Museum Studies

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

RELIGION PATHWAY

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

24

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

36

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.



VISIT WOLFWATCH
FOR MORE
INFORMATION.



HAVE A QUESTION?
CHECK IN WITH
YOUR ADVISOR!



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2023-2024

TERM 1: FALL

A1: ENGL 1101 English Composition I	3 CREDIT HOURS
B2: XIDS 2002 First-Year Seminar	2 CREDIT HOURS
A2: MATH COURSE	3 CREDIT HOURS
B1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	3 CREDIT HOURS
E4: SOCIAL SCIENCE	3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE ENGL 1101 WITH C OR BETTER
 - COMPLETE AREA A2 MATH

TERM 2: SPRING

A1: ENGL 1102 English Composition II	3 CREDIT HOURS
E3: POLS 1101 American Government	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: ART 2201 History of Western Art: Ancient to Medieval	3 CREDIT HOURS
D1: SCIENCE + LAB	4 CREDIT HOURS
C1: FINE ARTS	3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE ENGL 1102 WITH C OR BETTER
 - COMPLETE AREA D1 LAB SCIENCE
 - EARN 16 CREDIT HOURS (TO REACH 30 FOR FALL/SPRING COMBINED)
 - ART 2201 WITH C OR BETTER

14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR
COURSEWORK

- Make sure to take XIDS 2000: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies to start your intellectual, boundary-crossing journey!
- Discover your interests in your core classes. These can help you establish your disciplines.

FIND YOUR
PLACE

- Check out UWG's Academic Transition Programs, and take a cornerstone course (XIDS 2002).
- Explore events, clubs, and organizations available to you! Let the program and/or disciplines you've identified guide your search.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.

BROADEN YOUR
PERSPECTIVES

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.

CONNECT
OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

PAVE YOUR
PATH

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

TERM 1: FALL

E2: HIST 2111 OR 2112 US History	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: ART 2202 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology	3 CREDIT HOURS
D1: NON-LAB SCIENCE	3 CREDIT HOURS
C2: HUMANITIES	3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONE:
- COMPLETE ART 2202 WITH C OR BETTER

TERM 2: SPRING

E1: HIST 1111 OR 1112 World History	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: XIDS 2000 Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: SOCI 1101 (D1 Foundation) Intro to Sociology	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: PHIL 2130 (D2 Foundation) Intro to World Religions	3 CREDIT HOURS
D2: MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY	3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONE:
- COMPLETE BIS DEGREE PLAN AND SUBMIT TO REGISTRAR

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR
COURSEWORK

- Work with your IDS professors in XIDS 3000 to establish your degree plan, including identifying your complex problem and exploring how and what disciplines can help inform your inquiry.

FIND YOUR
PLACE

- Attend UWG Scholars' Day.
- Check out what university associations and community organizations relate to your disciplines.

BROADEN YOUR
PERSPECTIVES

- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.

CONNECT
OFF-CAMPUS

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

PAVE YOUR
PATH

- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

TERM 1: FALL

RAH1: HIST 4385 History of Political Islam	3 CREDIT HOURS
RSS1: PSYC 4670 Values, Meaning, and Spirituality	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE 3000/4000 level elective	3 CREDIT HOURS
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TERM 2: SPRING

XIDS 3000 Interdisciplinary Methods	3 CREDIT HOURS
RSS2: ANTH 3170 Religion in America: The Shakers	3 CREDIT HOURS
RSS3: SOCI 3543 Sociology of Religion	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE 3000/4000 level elective	3 CREDIT HOURS
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MILESTONE: • FINISH CAPSTONE PROPOSAL/PLAN IN XIDS 3000	

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RAH2: PHIL 3220 Christian Thought	3 CREDIT HOURS
RAH3: ART 3230 Medieval Art of Christian Europe and the Near East	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE 3000/4000 level elective	3 CREDIT HOURS
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TERM 2: SPRING

XIDS 4000 Interdisciplinary Capstone	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE 3000/4000 level elective	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE	3 CREDIT HOURS
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MILESTONE:
• COMPLETE CAPSTONE PROJECT, SUBMIT IN XIDS 4000

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR
COURSEWORK

- This is the time for your XIDS capstone! Make sure you have 9 hours of 3000-4000-level coursework for each of your two disciplines!

FIND YOUR
PLACE

- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new IDS majors!
- Consider running for an officer position in a student organization.

BROADEN YOUR
PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

CONNECT
OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR
PATH

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.