

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**

# Interdisciplinary Studies (Online)

Southeast's major in Interdisciplinary Studies allows you to individually structure your degree program to fit your interests and goals, without requiring you to choose a major in a specific field. You can build a degree with your own area of focus.

For the major in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS), students develop an individual study plan tailored to their career and professional goals. IDS students select between 2-4 areas of emphasis from the approved list and then design their curriculum with advisor assistance. Areas of emphasis currently include: Business (subsets available in Accounting, Business Administration, Management, or Marketing), Child Development, Criminal Justice, Economics, English Literature, ESL, Family Studies, Healthcare Administration, Healthcare Management, History, Industrial Engineering & Technology, Information Systems, Mass Media, Mathematics, Psychology and Sociology. Additional areas of emphasis may be available depending on prior credits.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

/ IDS majors complete the General Education program as part of a foundational educational component of their degree.

/ Students choose their individual study plan concentration areas (major) and upper-division courses that support their professional and personal goals.

/ Students in the program prepare themselves for career advancement or graduate school through successfully completing a self-tailored curriculum focused on demonstrating college-level competencies.

/ Academic departments at Southeast offer real-world experience. 100% of our programs offer students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching, or research internship.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

**Why Consider Interdisciplinary Studies?**

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree is ideal for degree-seekers with one or more of the following characteristics:

- Students with specific interests in a combination of the approved areas of emphasis
- Students with fewer than 75 credit hours
- Students interested primarily in earning a four-year degree, without a requirement for, or interest in, a specific major
- Students seeking a degree for personal enrichment
- Students willing to create their own degree plan and usher it through the approval process

**About Our Online Programs**

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

**Special Options with Major**

This program of study is available as an online program, to students at the regional campuses (Kennett and Sikeston), and the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site. Other areas of emphasis may be available depending on your prior credits and the campus from which you will be taking courses at Southeast.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit).

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### General Education Requirements (42 Hours)

- \_\_\_ Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
  - Course 1
  - Course 2
- \_\_\_ Constitution requirement – 3 hours
  - Course 1
- \_\_\_ Written Communication – 6 hours
  - Course 1
  - Course 2
- \_\_\_ Oral Communication – 3 hours
  - Course 1
- \_\_\_ Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
  - Course 1
  - Course 2
- \_\_\_ Mathematics – 3 hours
  - Course 1
- \_\_\_ Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
  - Course 1
  - Course 2
  - Course 3
- \_\_\_ Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
  - UI100/Course 1
  - Course 2
  - Course 3, if needed to reach 42 hours
- \_\_\_ Civics examination

#### Choose 2 – 4 Areas of Interest

You must have at least 12 hours in each area with a maximum per area of 30 hours. In addition, you must also include at least 39 hours of upper level hours into your plan. Up to 21 hours of elective credit can be used to reach the required 120 hour minimum requirement for a bachelor's degree.

### SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP

FALL	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
1st 8 Week	Aug. - Oct.		3
2nd 8 Week	Oct. - Dec.		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>
SPRING	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Wintersession	Dec. - Jan		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
1st 8 Week	Jan. - Mar.		3
2nd 8 Week	Mar. - May		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>
SUMMER	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

#### Personalized Pathways:

Courses are offered in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8-week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours; completion of/transfer credit for General Education program courses; residency at Southeast - at least 30 hours from Southeast; 39 senior division hours required: current residency at Southeast - 12 of your final 18 hours must be taken with Southeast. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements.

A minimum 2.5 grade point average overall is required to graduate with an Interdisciplinary Studies major.

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