

## Bachelor of Science (BS)

# Interdisciplinary Studies

Southeast's bachelor of interdisciplinary studies degree 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), Criminal Justice, Economics, English Literature, ESL, History, Industrial Engineering and Technology, Information Systems Mass Media, Mathematics and Psychology. Additional areas of emphasis may be available depending on prior credits.

### Interdisciplinary Studies students will...

- Complete the University Studies program as part of a foundational educational component of their degree
- Choose major and upper-division courses that support their professional and personal goals
- Prepare themselves for career advancement or graduate school through successfully completing a curriculum focused on demonstrating college-level competencies

### Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

### 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

### Special Options with Major

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

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### University Studies Requirements

- \_\_\_ UI100 First Year Seminar
- \_\_\_ EN100 English Composition<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Artistic Expression<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Written Expression<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Oral Expression
- \_\_\_ Literary Expression<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Behavioral Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Living Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Logical Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Physical Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Development of a Major Civilization<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Economic Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Political Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Social Systems<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ IU/UI3XX<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ IU/UI3XX<sup>8SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ UI4xx<sup>8SW</sup> Senior Seminar (one course required)

#### 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.

8 - These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semesters

S - These courses are typically offered in a summer session.

W - These courses are typically offered over the intersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one intersession course per semester.

### 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 University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

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

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.

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