

## 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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

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

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001	First Semester	Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment
CL002	Second Semester	Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning
CL003	Junior Year	Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking
CL004	Senior Year	Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college

### 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, to students at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, 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.

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Southeast's majors, visit  
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This is a guide based on the 2017-2018 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>

#### 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 wintersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one wintersession course per semester.

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

### 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, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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

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