

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Interdisciplinary Studies

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 faculty 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.

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.

/ Students may choose life-changing study-abroad in semester exchange programs or in short-term, two-week programs.

/ 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

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.

To learn more:
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To explore
Southeast's majors, visit
www.semo.edu/study/

Questions?
Center for Academic Advising
semo.edu/advising

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This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 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
- ___ 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
Total			15

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
Total			15

SUMMER	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
Total			9

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 the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). 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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