



KENTUCKY STATE
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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (STUDENT DESIGNED) BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Welcome to the Interdisciplinary Studies program at Kentucky State University, where we offer a flexible and comprehensive education designed to prepare you for a diverse range of careers and life paths. Our program provides a strong foundation in the arts and sciences, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication skills. Whether you are just starting your academic journey or seeking to advance your education, we have degree options to suit your goals.

Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Our Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Interdisciplinary Studies is designed to provide a well-rounded education that prepares students for a variety of career opportunities or further academic pursuits. The AA degree offers a broad curriculum that includes humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics, ensuring that you gain a diverse set of skills and knowledge. This program is ideal for students looking to explore different fields before committing to a specific career path or for those who plan to transfer to a four-year program.

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Interdisciplinary Studies at Kentucky State University offers a more in-depth exploration of the arts and sciences, with the added benefit of specialized concentrations to tailor your education to your interests and career aspirations. Our BA program includes the following concentrations:

- **Agriculture:** Explore the science and business of agriculture, including sustainable farming practices, agribusiness, and food systems. This concentration prepares you for careers in agricultural management, research, and policy.
- **Business:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of business principles, including management, marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship. This concentration equips you with the skills needed for a successful career in the corporate world or to start your own business.
- **Computer Science:** Dive into the world of technology with courses in programming, software development, cybersecurity, and data

analysis. This concentration prepares you for the fast-growing tech industry, with opportunities in software engineering, IT, and more.

- **Digital Communications:** Master the art of digital media, including social media, graphic design, multimedia storytelling, and web development. This concentration is perfect for those interested in careers in media, marketing, public relations, and digital content creation.
- **Education:** Prepare for a rewarding career in teaching with courses in educational theory, classroom management, and instructional strategies. This concentration provides the foundation for becoming an effective educator at various educational levels.
- **Nursing:** Build a strong foundation in the health sciences with a focus on nursing principles, patient care, and healthcare systems. This concentration is designed for students pursuing a career in nursing or other healthcare professions.
- **Pre-Law:** Develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills essential for a career in law. This concentration includes courses in political science, ethics, and legal studies, preparing you for law school or careers in legal services, public policy, and advocacy.

Discover Your Path with Interdisciplinary Studies

At Kentucky State University, our Interdisciplinary Studies program is designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills, and flexibility to pursue your passions and achieve your goals. Whether you choose the AA or BA degree, you will benefit from a curriculum emphasizing critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication. Explore the possibilities and discover your path with Interdisciplinary Studies at KSU.

This program is an interdisciplinary degree that redefines the Liberal Arts for the 21st Century, and students at Kentucky State University can pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree. Interdisciplinary Studies enhances students' global awareness and critical thinking skills and fosters solutions to numerous global issues. Aligned with the University's Mission, "provide transformative educational experiences to prepare graduates for making meaningful contributions to society..." via a plethora of innovative course

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Academic Requirements:

- Grade-point average of at least 2.0 overall.
- 30-31 credit hours of general education core are included in the total 120 credits. Students must earn a "C" or higher in ENG 101 and ENG 102.
- 42 semester-credit hours of concentration. Courses must be in the upper level 300-400 and student must earn a "C" or higher.
- A minimum of 120 total credit hours are required. Certificates and minors are encouraged to fit scholar career or professional development interests.

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Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
ENG 101	English Comp I	3
COM 103	Interpersonal Communication	3
MAT 111	Acceler. Contemp. Mathematics ((or higher))	3
FYE 118	First Year Experience	3
Select one General Education Natural Science Course		3-4
BIO 101	Life Science	
BIO 111	Principles of Biology	
CHE 109	Chemistry in Context	
CHE 101	General Chemistry I	
CHE 209	Survey Gen/Organic/Biochemi	
PHS 201	Physical Sciences I	
Hours		15-16
Spring		
ENG 102	English Comp II	3
Select one General Education Arts Course		3
ART 130	Introduction to Art	
MUS 130	Introduction to Music	
THE 130	Introduction to Theatre	
ENG 211	Intro to Literature	
Select one General Education Humanities Course		3
EDU 204	Cultural Responsiveness	
BUA 120	Business and Society	
HIS 103	Western Civilization	
HIS 108	Intro to African American Hist	
Select one General Education Social Science Course		3
PSY 200	General Psychology	
SOC 203	Principles of Sociology	
Select one of the following:		
FIN 101 or ECO 201	Financial Literacy or Prin of Economics I	
Select one General Educational Global/Civic Course		3
Select one of the following:		
ASP 303	American Civil Rights Movement	
AFE 117	Global Perspect Ag/Food/Env	
POS 361	World Politics	
POS 101	American Government	
Hours		15
Total Hours		30-31