

# **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

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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 21 st 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 courses.