ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies is an inquiry-centered degree for students who want to engage in extended study of a complex problem—one with multiple dimensions or interacting parts that cannot be adequately addressed fully within the confines of a single discipline (field of study). For example, a comprehensive answer to the question, “Can democracy work at a global scale?”, would need to combine insights from a mix of disciplines, such as political science, sociology, mass communications, psychology, geography, economics, philosophy, history, and literature. Addressing complex problems necessitates: depth of knowledge in multiple academic fields, intellectual boundary-crossing in search of ideas, concepts, and techniques, and integration of these to produce a comprehensive solution or understanding. Thus, the BIS offers an academic pathway for students who want to work both within and across multiple academic disciplines while systematically developing the techniques and tools of interdisciplinary inquiry and problem-solving.

ABOUT THIS MAP

The Four-Year Plan is designed only as a guide. It does not guarantee; 1) that all courses listed will be offered during a given semester, or 2) if they are offered that the scheduling will not conflict. Estimated time of completion is based on 15 hour semesters, with no summer classes. A change in hours or courses taken during the summer will either reduce (taking 18 hrs or summers) or extend (taking less than 15 hrs) the time needed. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

• Costume Designer
• Directing & Producing
• Film Communications/Marketing
• Film Researcher/Archiver
• Film/TV Critic
• Production Designer
• Screenwriter
• Sound Designer
• TV and/or Film Actor
• University Professor

ADD A CERTIFICATE

• Arts Management
• Cultural Heritage Management
• Museum Studies
• Musical Theatre

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!
### YEAR 1

#### TERM 1: FALL

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MILESTONES:
- Complete ENG 1101 with C or better
- Complete core impacts math

#### TERM 2: SPRING

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MILESTONES:
- Complete ENG 1102 with C or better
- Complete lab science
- Earn 16 credit hours (to reach 30 for fall/spring combined)

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Make sure to take XIDS 2000: Introduction to Interdisciplinary study to start your intellectual, boundary-crossing journey.
- Discover your interests in your core classes. These can help you establish your disciplines.

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- Check out UWG’s Academic Transition Programs, and take a cornerstone course (XIDS 2000).
- Explore events, clubs, and organizations available to you! Let the program and/or disciplines you've identified guide your search.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.

#### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Consider applying for an on-campus job.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Learn about how to network on social media and opportunities across campus.
- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.

#### FIND YOUR PLACE

- Check out UWG’s Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or registration.
- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.

#### FOCUS YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.
- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Attend UWG’s Scholars’ Day.

#### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.
- Find your interests in your core classes. These can help you establish your disciplines.

#### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.
- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

### YEAR 2

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MILESTONE:
- Initiate BIS degree plan

14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS
### YEAR 3

#### TERM 1: FALL
- **FILM TRACK 1 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **FILM TRACK 2 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **ELECTIVE**
  - 3000/4000 level elective course
  - 3 Credit Hours

#### TERM 2: SPRING
- **XIDS 3000**
  - Interdisciplinary Methods
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **FILM TRACK 1 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **FILM TRACK 2 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY COURSE OR ELECTIVES**
  - 6 Credit Hours

### YEAR 4

#### TERM 1: FALL
- **FILM TRACK 1 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **FILM TRACK 2 COURSE**
  - Course from Approved List
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **ELECTIVE**
  - 3000/4000 level elective course
  - 3 Credit Hours

#### TERM 2: SPRING
- **XIDS 4000**
  - Interdisciplinary Capstone
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **ELECTIVE**
  - 3000/4000 level elective course
  - 3 Credit Hours
- **GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY COURSE/INTERNSHIP OR ELECTIVES**
  - 6 Credit Hours

### Milestones:
- Complete BIS degree plan and submit to Registrar
- Finish capstone proposal/plan in XIDS 3000

### Goals:
- Crush Your Coursework
- Find Your Place
- Broaden Your Perspectives
- Connect Off-Campus
- Take Care of Yourself
- Pave Your Path

### Year 4 Goals:
- Complete capstone project, submit in XIDS 4000
- Complete Georgia Film Academy Certification (optional)

### Year 3 Goals:
- Attend UWG Scholars’ Day.
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- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider running for an officer position in a student organization.

### Year 2 Goals:
- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new IDS majors.
- Complete an internship in your field.
- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.

### Year 1 Goals:
- Work with your IDS professors in XIDS 3000 to establish your degree plan, including identifying your complex problem and exploring how and what disciplines can help inform your inquiry.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Request references from professors and supervisors.

### Credits Summary:
- 15 Fall Credit Hours + 15 Spring Credit Hours = 30 Credit Hours

### For Year 2:
- 15 Fall Credit Hours + 15 Spring Credit Hours = 30 Credit Hours

### For Year 1:
- 15 Fall Credit Hours + 15 Spring Credit Hours = 30 Credit Hours