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?
• Archivist
• Charity Fundraiser
• Clergy
• Community Development Worker
• Editorial Assistant
• Educator
• Historian
• Mediator
• Newspaper Journalist
• Youth Worker

ADD A CERTIFICATE
• Arts Management
• Cultural Heritage Management
• Ethics
• Global & Comparative Studies
• Human Rights Advocacy
• Museum Studies

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
RELIGION PATHWAY
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

CORE CREDIT HOURS
60

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS
24

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS
36

HONORS COLLEGE
Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.
HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.

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**YEAR 1**

**TERM 1: FALL**

**C1: ENGL 1101**
English Composition I

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

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**C2: ENGL 1102**
English Composition II

**TERM 1: FALL**

**T3:**

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

**F1:**

- History of Western Art: Ancient to Medieval

**MILESTONES:**
- Complete ART 2201 with C or better

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**C2: BIO 1101**

**P1: HIST 2111 OR 2112**

**MILESTONE:**
- Complete ART 2202 with C or better

**TERM 1: FALL**

**F1:**

- History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary

**MILESTONE:**
- Complete ART 2202 with C or better

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**F1:**

- History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary

**MILESTONE:**
- Complete ART 2202 with C or better

**PAVE YOUR PATH**

- 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 3

#### TERM 1: FALL

**RAH1:** HIST 4385  
History of Political Islam  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**RSS1:** PSYC 4670  
Values, Meaning, and Spirituality  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**ELECTIVE**  
3000/4000 level elective  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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3000/4000 level elective  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**ELECTIVE**  
3 CREDIT HOURS

#### TERM 2: SPRING

**XIDS 3000**  
Interdisciplinary Methods  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**RSS2:** ANTH 3170  
Religion in America: The Shakers  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**RSS3:** SOCI 3543  
Sociology of Religion  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**ELECTIVE**  
3000/4000 level elective  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:  
• FINISH CAPSTONE PROPOSAL/PLAN IN XIDS 3000

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS

#### TERM 4

#### TERM 1: FALL

**RAH2:** PHIL 3220  
Christian Thought  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**RAH3:** ART 3230  
Medieval Art of Christian Europe and the Near East  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**ELECTIVE**  
3000/4000 level elective  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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MILESTONE:  
• COMPLETE CAPSTONE PROJECT, SUBMIT IN XIDS 4000

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS

#### TERM 2: SPRING

**XIDS 4000**  
Interdisciplinary Capstone  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**ELECTIVE**  
3000/4000 level elective  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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MILESTONE:  
• COMPLETE CAPSTONE PROJECT, SUBMIT IN XIDS 4000

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- 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.

### FIND YOUR PLACE

- Attend UWG Scholars’ Day.
- Check out what university associations and community organizations relate to your disciplines.

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students’ stories of their experiences.

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.

### PAVE YOUR PATH

- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.