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

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. 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?

- Advertising Copywriter
- Communication Strategist
- Educator
- Graphic Novels & Memoir Author
- Influencer
- Literary Agent
- Policy Analyst
- Social Advocate
- Social Media Manager
- Video Game Writer

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Advertising
- Communication in the Workplace
- Discipline Specific Writing
- Publishing & Editing

HONORS COLLEGE

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

TERM 1: FALL

C1: ENGL 1101  
English Composition I  
3 CREDIT HOURS

I2: XIDS 2002  
First-Year Seminar  
2 CREDIT HOURS

M: MATH COURSE  
3 CREDIT HOURS

I1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS  
3 CREDIT HOURS

S2: SOCIAL SCIENCE  
3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONES:
• COMPLETE ENGL 1101 WITH C OR BETTER
• COMPLETE IMPACTS MATH

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
• Make sure to take IDS 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.

FIND YOUR PLACE
• Check out UWG’s Academic Transition Programs, and take a cornerstone course (XIDS 2002).
• 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.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
• Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
• Check out the education abroad office.

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 and majors are right for you.
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TERM 2: SPRING

C2: ENGL 1102  
English Composition II  
3 CREDIT HOURS

P2: POLS 1101  
American Government  
3 CREDIT HOURS

F: ENGL 2060  
Intro to Creative Writing (Discipline 1 Foundation)  
3 CREDIT HOURS

T1: SCIENCE + LAB  
4 CREDIT HOURS

A: HUMANITIES  
3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONES:
• COMPLETE ENGL 1102 WITH C OR BETTER
• COMPLETE LAB SCIENCE
• EARN 16 CREDIT HOURS (TO REACH 30 FOR FALL/SPRING COMBINED)

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
• Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
• Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

FIND YOUR PLACE
• Visit UWG’s Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you! 
• Visit Health Services.
• Go to the Office to see all your options.
• Visit the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship.

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YEAR 2

TERM 1: FALL

P1: HIST 2111 OR 2112  
US History  
3 CREDIT HOURS

F: ART 1006  
Design I (IDC)  
3 CREDIT HOURS

F: ART 2000  
Art Communication and the Visual Arts (Discipline 2 Foundation)  
3 CREDIT HOURS

A: HUMANITIES  
3 CREDIT HOURS

T2: NON-LAB SCIENCE  
3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
• COMPLETE BIS DEGREE PLAN AND SUBMIT TO REGISTRAR

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
• In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
• Consider a study abroad program. Check out students’ stories of their experiences.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
• Complete an internship in your field.
• Consider a summer or part-time job.
• Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
• Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
• Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

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.

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS
TERM 1: FALL

VSE 1: ENGL 3200
Intermediate Creative Writing (specific genre)
3 CREDIT HOURS

VSA 1: ART 3401
Graphic Design I
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

VSE 1: ENGL 3200
Intermediate Creative Writing (specific genre)
3 CREDIT HOURS

VSA 2: ART 3402
Graphic Design II
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level elective
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
• FINISH CAPSTONE PROPOSAL/PLAN IN XIDS 3000

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TERM 1: FALL

VSE 3: ENGL 4210
Advanced Creative Writing (genre specific)
3 CREDIT HOURS

VSA 3: ART 4403
Graphic Design III
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 4000
Interdisciplinary Capstone
3 CREDIT HOURS

VSE 4: ENGL 4210
Advanced Creative Writing (genre specific)
3 CREDIT HOURS

VSA 4: ART 4404
Graphic Design IV
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

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3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
• COMPLETE CAPSTONE PROJECT, SUBMIT IN XIDS 4000

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CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
• Work with your IDS professors in XIDS 3000 to establish your degree plan, including identifying your project/problem and exploring how and what disciplines can help inform your inquiry.

FIND YOUR PLACE
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BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
• In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop. • Consider a study abroad program. Check out students’ stories of their experiences.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
• 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.

PAY YOUR PATH
• This is the time for your XIDS capstone! Make sure you have 9 hours of 3000–4000 level coursework for each of your two disciplines!

FIND YOUR PLACE
• Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new IDS majors.
• Consider running for an officer position in a student organization.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
• Assess your cultural competency.
• Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
• Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
• Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
• Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
• Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

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