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

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.
**YEAR 1**

**TERM 1: FALL**

- **A1: ENGL 1101**
  - English Composition I
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **B2: XIDS 2002**
  - First-Year Seminar
  - 2 CREDIT HOURS

- **A2: MATH COURSE**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **B1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **E4: SOCIAL SCIENCE**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONES:**
- Complete ENGL 1101 with C or Better
- Complete Area A2 Math

**TERM 2: SPRING**

- **A1: ENGL 1102**
  - English Composition II
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **F: FILM 2080**
  - Intro to the Art of Film
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **E3: POLS 1101**
  - American Government
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **D1: SCIENCE + LAB**
  - 4 CREDIT HOURS

- **C1: FINE ARTS**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONES:**
- Complete ENGL 1102 with C or Better
- Complete Area D1 Lab Science
- Earn 14 credit hours (to reach 30 for Fall/Spring combined)

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**
- 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.

**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**
- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

**CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS**
- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Visit Health Services.

**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.
- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.

**SAVE 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.

**TERM 1: FALL**

- **F: PSYC 1101**
  - Intro to Psychology
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **E2: HIST 2111 OR 2112**
  - US History
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **C2: HUMANITIES**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **D1: NON-LAB SCIENCE**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **F: FILM TRACK 1 FOUNDATION COURSE**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

**TERM 2: SPRING**

- **F: XIDS 2000**
  - Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **E1: HIST 2111 OR 2112**
  - Word History
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **F: ELECTIVE**
  - 1000/2000-level elective
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **F: FILM TRACK 2 FOUNDATION COURSE**
  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

- **D2: MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY**

**MILESTONES:**
- Initiate BIS Degree Plan

**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
- **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
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#### 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
- **GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY COURSE** OR **ELECTIVES** | 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### TERM 2: SPRING
- **XIDS 4000** (Interdisciplinary Capstone) | 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **ELECTIVE** (3000/4000 level elective course) | 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

### 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 summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- 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.

### 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.

### PAVE 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!

### FUTURE PLAN
- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new IDS majors!
- Consider running for an officer position in a student organization.

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

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- 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.