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

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

VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!
## 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 SCIENCES | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |

**MILESTONES:**
- Complete ENGL 1101 with C or better
- Complete Area A2 math

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### TERM 2: SPRING

| A1: ENGL 1102 English Composition II | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| E3: POLS 1101 American Government | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: ART 2201 History of Western Art: Ancient to Medieval | **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 16 credit hours (to reach 30 for fall/spring combined)
- ART 2201 with C or better

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### PAVE YOUR PATH

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

### 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

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.
- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources 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 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 Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.
- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or registration.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.
- Make sure to take XIDS 2000: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies.

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Check out UWG’s Academic Transition Programs, and take a cornerstone course (XIDS 2002).
- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.
- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you! Let the program and/or disciplines you’ve identified guide your search.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.
- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
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- Consider applying for an on-campus job.
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### TERM 1: FALL

| E2: HIST 2111 OR 2112 US History | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: ART 2202 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| D1: NON-LAB SCIENCE | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| C2: HUMANITIES | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |

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

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### TERM 2: SPRING

| E1: HIST 1111 OR 1112 World History | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: XIDS 2000 Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: SOCI 1101 (D1 Foundation) Intro to Sociology | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| F: PHIL 2130 (D2 Foundation) Intro to World Religions | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |
| D2: MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY | **3 CREDIT HOURS** |

**MILESTONE:**
- Complete BIS Degree Plan and Submit to Registrar

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### PAVE YOUR PATH

- 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

- 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.

### 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.
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

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level 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

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

TERM 2: SPRING

XIDS 4000
Interdisciplinary Capstone
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level elective
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 3

YEAR 4

TERM 1: FALL

PAVE YOUR PATH

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

TERM 2: SPRING

PAVE YOUR PATH

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

YEAR 3

TERM 1: FALL

• 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 UWG Scholars' Day.

• Check out what university associations and community organizations relate to your disciplines.

• Complete an internship in your field.

• Consider a summer or part-time job.

• Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

• 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.

• 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.

TERM 2: SPRING

• In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.

• Consider a study abroad program. Check out students’ stories of their experiences.

• Assess your cultural competency.

• Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.

• Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

• Connect with professionals in your field of interest.

• Explore career shadowing opportunities.

• Request references from professors and supervisors.

• 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.

• Attend an interview workshop.

• Apply for graduate programs.