INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

MUSIC & INDUSTRY PATHWAY

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

60 CORE CREDIT HOURS

30 MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

30 ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

ABOUT THE MAJOR

This BIS track integrates studies of music and industry, approximating a commercial music or music business program and including entrepreneurial music ventures and possible “add-ons” such as a stand-alone arts management certificate and a stand-alone jazz certificate. “Music Industry” is understood as a comprehensive set of business areas and enterprises associated with the development and promotion, and sale of services and products, including their management.

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.

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!

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Artist Manager
- Booking Agent
- Composer
- Music Arranger
- Music Producer
- Music Publicist
- Music Teacher
- Recording Engineer
- Session Musician
- Tour Manager

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Arts Management
- Cultural Resource Management Certificate
- Jazz Certificate
- Musical Theatre Certificate

HONORS COLLEGE

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

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2026-2027

YEAR 1

TERM 1: FALL

C: ENGL 1101 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I

I2: MUSC 1110 — 2 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) Survey of World Music

AREA F: MAJOR ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS
1000/2000-level Elective course

MUSC 2XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
2000-level Music Ensemble

S: SOCIAL SCIENCES* — 3 CREDIT HOURS

P: CITIZENSHIP — 3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
- FIRST MUSIC LOWER LEVEL FOUNDATION CREDIT TAKEN

TERM 2: SPRING

C: ENGL 1102 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition II

AREA F: XIDS 2000 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies

AREA F: MAJOR ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS
1000/2000-level Elective course

AREA F: MAJOR ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS
1000/2000-level Elective course

MUSC 2XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
2000-level Music Ensemble

M: MATHEMATICS — 3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
- COMPLETE XIDS 2000

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 31 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
- 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.

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

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.

PAVE YOUR PATH
- 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.

YEAR 2

TERM 1: FALL

BUSA 2106 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Legal & Ethical Environment of Business

MUSC 2XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
2000-level Music Ensemble

A1: MUSC 1120 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) Survey of Jazz, Rock, and Popular Music

P: CITIZENSHIP — 3 CREDIT HOURS

T1: STEM + LAB — 4 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONES:
- COMPLETES FOUNDATIONAL MUSIC CREDITS
- COMPLETES FOUNDATIONAL INDUSTRY CREDITS

TERM 2: SPRING

I1: INSTITUTION — 3 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) Foreign Language 1001 Course

AREA F: MAJOR ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS
1000/2000-level Elective course

MGNT 3600 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Management

ELECTIVE 1/2XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
1000/2000-level Elective course

ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 29 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.

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

MKTG 3803 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Principles of Marketing

A: ARTS/HUMANITIES/ETHICS — 3 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) Foreign Language 1002 Course

MUSC 4XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
4000-level Music Ensemble

T1: NON-LAB SCIENCE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

REQUIRED: INDUSTRY 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

XIDS 3000 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Interdisciplinary Methods

REQUIRED: MUSC 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) MUSC 3702 - Western Music After 1825 and World Music

MUSC 4XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
4000-level Music Ensemble

ELECTIVE 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
3000/4000-level Elective course

ELECTIVE 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
3000/4000-level Elective course

MILESTONE:
- XIDS 3000 INTERDISCIPLINARY METHODS TAKEN

16 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 13 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 29 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.

PAVE YOUR PATH
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- Draft your personal statement.
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YEAR 4

TERM 1: FALL

T2: MATH 1401 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) Elementary Statistics

MUSC 4XXX — 1 CREDIT HOUR
4000-level Music Ensemble

ELECTIVE 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
3000/4000-level Elective course

ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

S: SOCIAL SCIENCE* — 3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONE:
- UWG IMPACTS COMPLETED
- COMPLETE AREA S: ONE NEEDS TO BE WORLD HISTORY (HIST 1111 OR 1112)

TERM 2: SPRING

XIDS 4000 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Interdisciplinary Capstone

MUSC 4865 — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Music Business Internship

ELECTIVE 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS
3000/4000-level Elective course

ELECTIVE — 3 CREDIT HOURS

REQUIRED: INDUSTRY 3/4XXX — 3 CREDIT HOURS

MILESTONES:
- XIDS 4000 INTERDISCIPLINARY CAPSTONE
- COMPLETES NINE UPPER-LEVEL MUSIC COURSES
- COMPLETES NINE UPPER-LEVEL INDUSTRY COURSES

16 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 31 CREDIT HOURS

Additional Information:
- With prevalence of "Elective" hours, the viewer can see that the BIS Pathway student has sufficient space to add certificates, additional courses in the major disciplines, and/or a minor in another discipline.

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- 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.

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.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH
- 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.