

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (246)

## Program Coordinator

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The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree is designed for those who need or desire a flexible degree program. Within the limits specified for the degree, students, with their advisors, may design programs to suit their personal needs and educational objectives.

This program requires 60 credit hours of coursework. Students who have previously earned 60 hours of credit with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or above in all higher education coursework, including all coursework completed at Western Kentucky University, and have met all other requirements for the degree, may apply as candidates for the AIS degree. If, upon evaluation of their transcripts, such students meet all the requirements for the degree, the degree will be awarded at the next graduation ceremony.

## Opportunities

The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree is an attractive option for employment or promotion in business and industry. In addition to those wishing to enhance their employability, several other groups of students will find the program suits their needs. These include those who are seeking a degree for their personal satisfaction; those who plan to move on to a bachelor's degree but wish to have a degree at the two-year level; and those who wish to consolidate previously-earned credits into a degree program.

### Areas of Concentration

- Arts (GSAR)
- Business (GSBU)
- Education (GSED)
- Health (GSHE)
- Humanities (GSHU)
- Organization and Communication of Ideas (GSCO)
- Science (GSSC)
- Social and Behavioral (GSSB)
- Social Justice and Equity Studies (GSSJ)
- Sustainability (GSSU)
- Technology (GSTE)

## Program Requirements (60 hours)

Minimum requirements for the AIS degree are 60 total hours distributed among the WKU Colonnade, concentration, and elective courses.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Colonnade for Associate Degree Seeking Students</b>		
Complete a minimum of 15 hours of Colonnade coursework chosen from:		15

College Composition (F-WC)

Arts & Humanities (E-AH)

Social & Behavioral Sciences (E-SB)

Quantitative Reasoning (F-QR) or Natural and Physical Sciences (E-NS)

Additional Foundations or Explorations Category

### Area of Concentration

Select 27 hours in an area of concentration: <sup>1</sup> 27

Arts

Business

Education

Health

Humanities

Organization and Communication of Ideas

Social and Behavioral Science

Science

Social Justice and Equity Studies

Sustainability

Technology

### Electives

Select hours of electives to reach 60 18

**Total Hours** 60

<sup>1</sup> One quarter of the areas of emphasis hours must be earned at WKU.

A student must obtain a 2.0 grade point average in the concentration. An overall 2.0 grade point average is required to be awarded the AIS degree.

Students seeking the AIS degree must complete a minimum of 25% of their degree program in residence at Western Kentucky University. Courses taken at WKU off-campus locations through regional campus offerings or other WKU outreach are considered as having been taken in residence.

The Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies degree cannot be filed as a second degree program; as a result, students applying for concurrent or subsequent associate degrees must file the Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies as their primary degree program. Electives are in addition to the Colonnade courses and area of concentration. They may come from Colonnade categories or courses that do not fall into any Colonnade categories or areas of concentration.

## Arts Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Arts Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		27
AD, ANIM, ANTH, ART, DANC, ENG, FILM, FLK, HON		
HORT 209	Floral Design	
HORT 309	Advanced Floral Design	
HORT 330	Wedding Floral Design	
IDST, JOUR, MUS, PERF		
PSYS 380	Psychology and Science Fiction	
SPS, THEA, UCC, UX		
<b>Total Hours</b>		27

## Business Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Business Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		<b>27</b>
ACCT, ACTU, AD, AGECE		
ART 243	Digital Media	
BA, BDAN, BDAS, BE, CIS, CIT, CM, COMM, CRIM, CS, CSCI, DH, ECON, ENG, ENT, ENV, EMDS, FACS, FIN, FINC, GISC, HCA, HIM, HMD, HON, SUPR		
HORT 420	Floral Shop Management	
IDST, LEAD, MATH, MFG, MFGE, MGMT, MGT, MIL, MKT, OST, PH, PLS, PR		
PSYS 350	Social Psychology	
PSY 350	Social Psychology	
PSY 371	The Psychology of Sales Behavior	
PSY 470	Psychology and Law	
RE, REC, SPM, SPS, STAT, SUPR, UCC, UX, VJP, WFA		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

## Education Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Education Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		<b>27</b>
AGED, BE, CNS, EDU, ELED		
ART 411	Foundations of Art Education and Methods II	
ART 413	Foundations of Art Education and Methods III	
BIOL 303	Life Science for Middle Grades Teachers	
CHEM 470	Chemistry / Middle School	
DANC 301	Dance Pedagogy	
ENG 407	Linguistic Analysis	
ENG 408	Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics	
ENG 416	Literature/EST Capstone	
ENG 469	2nd Language Acquisition Theory	
ENG 470	Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language	
ENG 471	Teaching English as a Second Language Practicum	
FACS, HED, HON, ID, IDST, IECE, LME, LTCY		
GEOL 305	Earth System Science for Teachers	
HIST 311	History Teaching Methods	
MATH 205	Number Systems and Number Theory for Teachers	
MATH 206	Fundamentals of Geometry for Teachers	
MATH 302	Introduction to Advanced Mathematics for Middle Grades Teachers	
MATH 308	Rational Numbers and Data Analysis for Teachers	
MATH 403	Geometry for Elementary and Middle Grades Teachers	

MATH 411	Problem Solving for Elementary and Middle Grades Teachers
MATH 421	Problem Solving for Secondary Teachers
MATH 490	Seminar in Middle Grades Mathematics
MGE, MKT, MLNG, PE, PETE, REC, SEC, SMED, SPED, SPS, UCC	
MUS 310	Pedagogy for Performance Majors
MUS 311	Music for the Elementary Teacher
MUS 312	Teaching Music in the Primary Grades
MUS 314	Comprehensive Arts Education for the Elementary Teacher
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning
PSY 331	Psychology of Learning
PSY 422	Adolescent Psychology
PSY 432	Psychology of the Gifted and Creative
PSY 435	Moral Development and Education
PSY 436	Applied Cognitive Psychology
PSYS 321	Child Developmental Psychology
THEA 392	Production of Theatre for Children
THEA 425	Play Production in the Schools
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>27</b>

## Health Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Health Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		<b>27</b>
AH, BIOL, CD, CHEM, CHHS, COMM, DH, ENV, EXS, FACS, GERO, HCA, HED, HIM, HMD, HON, IDST, NURS, PE, PETE, PH		
PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 330	Philosophy of Science	
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness	
REC, SFTY, SPM, SPS, SWRK, UCC		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

## Humanities Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Students pursuing the Humanities Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:</b>		<b>27</b>
AFAM, ANIM, ANTH, ARBC, ARC, ART, ASL, BCOM, CHIN, CHNF, DANC, DCS, ENG, FILM, FLK, FREN		
AGEC 468	World Food Development	
GEOG 300	Writing in the Geosciences	
GERM, HIST, HON, HUM		
IDFM 332	History of 20th Century Fashion	
IDST, JAPN, LME, MLNG, MUS, PERF, PHIL, POP		
MATH 409	History of Mathematics	
PSYS 380	Psychology and Science Fiction	
PSYS 481	History of Psychology	

RELS, SPAN, SPS, SUS, THEA, UCC

**Total Hours** 27**Science Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Science Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:** 27

ACTU, AGECE, AGED, AGMC, AGRI, AGRO, AH, ANSC

ART 444 Computer Animation III

BCOM 429 Broadcast Meteorology

ASTR, BDAS, BIOL, CE, CHEM, CHHS, CM, CS, DH

EDU 385 Climate, Resources, &amp; Society

ELED 406 Teaching Science in the Elementary School

EE, EM, EMDS, ENGR, ENV, EXS, GEOG, GEOL, GISC, HCA, HIM, HMD, HON, HORT, IDST, MATH, ME, METR, MFGE, NURS, PH, PHYS, PSY, PSYS, REC, SEAS, SMED, SPS, STAT, UCC

**Total Hours** 27**Social and Behavioral Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Social and Behavioral Concentration can apply the following prefixes:** 27

AERO, AFAM, ANTH, ARC, ASL, ATCU, CNS, COMM, CRIM, ECON, EDU, ELED, FACS, FLK, GEOG, GERO, GWS, HIST, HON, ID, IDFM, IDST, IECE, JOUR, LEAD, LME, LS, MIL, MKT, PE, PETE, PH, PLS, POP, PS, PSY, PSYS, RELS, SOCL, SPED, SPM, SPS, SWRK, UCC

**Total Hours** 27**Technology Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Technology Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:** 27

AGMC, ANIM, BCOM, BE, CE, CIS, CIT, CM, CS, CSCI, EE, EM, ENGR, ENV, GISC, HIM, HON, ID, IDFM, IDST, INS, ME, MFG

MKT 331 Social Media Marketing

OST, SEAS, SPS, UCC, UX, WFA

**Total Hours** 27**Organization and Communication of Ideas Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Organization and Communication Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:** 27

AD, AERO, ARBC, ART, ASL, BCOM, CD, CHHS, CHIN, CHNF, COMM, DH, EMDS, ENG, ENV, FILM, FLK, FREN, GERM, HCA, HON

HORT 316 Greenhouse Maintenance and Operation

HORT 317 Greenhouse Maintenance and Operation Laboratory

HORT 420 Floral Shop Management

IDST, ITAL, JAPN, KORE, LTCY, PE, PETE, PH, REC, RUSS, SOM, SPAN, SPM, SPS, SUPR, SWAH, SWRK, UCC, WFA

**Total Hours** 27**Social Justice and Equity Studies Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Social Justice and Equity Concentration can apply the following prefixes and/or courses:** 27

AFAM, CRIM, DCS, ENV, GWS, HON, IDST, PH, PHIL, PLS, PS

PSYS 353 Psychology of Prejudice and Stereotyping

SPS, SWRK, UCC

**Total Hours** 27**Sustainability Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
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**Students pursuing the Sustainability Concentration can apply the following prefixes:** 27

AGRI, AGRO, ENV, GEOG, HON, HORT, IDST, SPS, UCC

**Total Hours** 27