

Interdisciplinary Studies

Baker University

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Program Description

The Associate of Arts, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

The Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies is a customized academic program intended for students who are looking to combine disciplines (focused areas of study) into a degree tailored to fit their interests and goals. The major in Interdisciplinary Studies prepares students to be well rounded and well-versed in concentrated coursework that translates to public and private sector marketplaces. Areas of emphasis develop skills in critical thinking, analyzing questions, team building, and management. An Interdisciplinary Studies major is one of the most versatile and foundational programs that also offers students the opportunity to gain knowledge in a specific discipline.

Students work with an academic advisor to create a specific degree plan approved in consultation with the appropriate faculty member. Students complete coursework in areas offered at Baker University or may capitalize on work already completed at other institutions by transferring college credits to the Interdisciplinary Studies major. Students may apply up to 12 transfer credit hours in one discipline provided the courses meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Transfer Credit – Undergraduate policy.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, students must submit:

1. Official transcripts for all college work completed.
2. An on-line application.

Students must meet the following requirements to earn a Bachelor of Science with a major in interdisciplinary studies degree:

- Successful completion of at least 120 credit hours (Residency requirements: A minimum of 30 hours of upper-level course work [numbered 300 or higher] must be taken at Baker University.)
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- Successful completion of a major area of concentration with a GPA of at least 2.0.
- Satisfaction of all general education requirements. Typically, an earned Associate of Arts or Associate of Science from a regionally accredited institution will satisfy the requirement.
- Satisfaction of all proficiency requirements.
- Submission of intent to graduate form six months before anticipated degree completion
- Payment of all tuition and fees
- Approval by the faculty and Board of Trustees

Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Requirements

General Education Course Requirements (33 credits) Typically, an earned Associate of Arts or Associate of Science from a regionally accredited institution will satisfy the requirement.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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BK 110 Introduction to Undergraduate Studies
Must be taken at Baker

Arts & Humanities (with no more than 6 semester credits counted from any one discipline) Refer to Baker General Education guide

Social Sciences Refer to Baker General Education guide

Sciences Refer to Baker General Education guide

Proficiencies (12 credits)

Select one of the following:

COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	CO 102 Oral Communication
COMS 125	Personal Communication	3	CO 102 Oral Communication

Written Communication: 3 credits lower-level compositions with a grade of "C-" or better

Select one of the following:

ENGL 121	Composition I* Must be taken at Baker	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5
MATH 171	College Algebra* College-Level Algebra or Higher	3

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

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