



Transfer Plan for an Associate Degree to WKU:

# BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, B.I.S.

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**Purpose:** To promote transfer of credits from an Associate Degree from a regionally-accredited institution into the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, B.I.S. from WKU.

**Accreditation Status:** Both institutions will observe regionally accreditation guidelines and procedures.

**Admissions:** Applicants for the Western Kentucky University's Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. No particular associate degree is specified.
2. If the Associate Degree is an A.A. or A.S. from a KCTCS institution then General Education courses at WKU are fulfilled.
3. Admission to WKU.
4. All transfer students must request that an official transcript from each college attended be sent to the WKU Admissions Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020, or preferable electronically, or call (270)745-2551 if you have questions. To see how your classes transfer to WKU check out your iCAP report: <http://www.wku.edu/icap/>. If your transcript has not been evaluated, you can use the following site for individual class transfer equivalencies: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>

**Program Delivery:** Will vary by concentration, while many courses will be offered via face-to-face and online.

## Application of Credits:

1. Students must complete WKU's General Education requirements and comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). Additional general education coursework needed to fulfill WKU BIS degree program may be taken through WKU or KCTCS.
2. Requires 120 semester hours of coursework. The degree is comprised of 36 hours in the Emphasis/Concentration, 44 hours of General Education Courses and 40 hours of electives.
3. A table below outlines the requirements for a B.I.S., once the Associate Degree is completed.



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## WKU Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

After completion of the Associate Degree, students may continue enrollment at a community college to complete the WKU general education requirements. WKU's graduation requirement includes 42 hours of upper division courses (300-400). The below courses at WKU will fulfill the upper division requirements for the program.

### KCTCS General Education Courses

\*If the student completed an AA or AS from KCTCS, then WKU General Education requirement are fulfilled.

If the students did not complete an AA or AS from KCTS, then meet with an advisor to determine general education requirements, or view transfer equivalencies at website: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>

<p><b>Area of Emphasis:</b> 36 hours from the area of emphasis, of which: 12 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level), including the UC 495 BIS Capstone Course.</p> <p>There are ten Emphasis Areas to choose from: Arts, Business, Education, Health, Organizational &amp; Communication of Ideas, Science, Social and Behavioral Science, Social Justice &amp; Equity Studies, and Technology</p> <p>View areas of emphasis at : <a href="http://www.wku.edu/uc/bis/areasofemphasis.htm">http://www.wku.edu/uc/bis/areasofemphasis.htm</a></p>	36
<p><b>General Education</b> (*Complete with AA or AA from KCTCS) View WKU's General Education Requirement at: <a href="http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs/Registrar/gen_ed.pdf">http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs/Registrar/gen_ed.pdf</a></p>	44
<p><b>Electives:</b> 40 hours, of which 30 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level courses).</p> <p>An elective for the B.I.S. can be any WKU course that complements the degree program and the student meets the pre-requisites for.</p>	40
<p>Total Hours (Depending on Associate degree)</p>	120 +

**Note:** WKU's graduation requirement includes 42 hours of upper-level courses. Therefore, if you have earned additional upper-level in the area of emphasis then the number of upper-level electives will decrease by that same number.

**If questions:** [bis@wku.edu](mailto:bis@wku.edu); for **more information:** <http://www.wku.edu/bis>

**Effective Date:** Summer 2010