



# Western Kentucky University Owensboro Regional Campus

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## Steps to Earning a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies #558

- 1 Complete an AA at any KCTCS institution
- 2) Make Application to WKU
- 3) Send all previous college transcripts to WKU Admissions Office
- 4) Meet with a WKU advisor each semester until 90 hrs. is earned and an Application for Graduation is on file with the Office of the Registrar
- 5) Put together a course of study
  - a. Instead of the major/minor required by traditional degree programs complete a broad area of emphasis of at least 37 semester hours of coursework approved by the BIS advisor.

The broad areas of emphasis are:

*Arts – Behavioral Sciences – Business – Education – Health – Humanities – Organization and Communication of Ideas – Science – Social and Behavioral Sciences – Social Sciences – Technology*

- b. Take 128 college-level undergraduate hours
- c. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits presented for graduation at WKU and in the area of emphasis
- d. Include the following:
  - 44 hours of general education courses
  - 37 hours in the area of emphasis, including UC 499 (1 hour)
  - 42 hours of upper-division credit, including 12 upper-division hours in the area of emphasis

\*32 hours must be earned in residence, at least 16 of which must be completed after the semester in which the student earned a cumulative total of at least 90 hours. No more than 24 hours in a single academic discipline, 24 hours from the School of Journalism and Broadcasting, 30 hours from the Gordon Ford College of Business, or 12 upper-division hours from the Gordon Ford College of Business.

### Suggested Program of Study

#### Freshman Year (OCTC) (first semester)

ENG 101	3
Oral Communications	3
Heritage/Hum/For Lang	3-4
Social Interaction	3
Mathematics	3

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TOTAL Hours 15-16

#### (second semester)

ENG 102	3
Social Interaction	3
Heritage	3
Her/Hum/S I/For Lang	3-4
Science with lab	4

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TOTAL Hours 16 -17

#### Sophomore Year (OCTC) (first semester)

Humanities	3
Social Interaction	3
CIS 100	3
Science	3
Elective	3

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TOTAL Hours 15

#### (second semester)

Science/Math	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Cultural Studies	3
Elective	3

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TOTAL Hours 15

**Junior and Senior Years:** Student should choose a "Broad Area of Emphasis" consisting of at least 37 semester hours of related course work in consultation with a WKU advisor.

*\* If completing an AS, general education degree requirements are different than listed above. Please check back of sheet for general education requirements.*

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## OCTC – WKU General Education Requirements for Interdisciplinary Studies

### NOTE:

Earning an Associate of Arts (**AA**) or an Associate of Science (**AS**) degree from OCTC requires a minimum of **60** hours including **48** hours of specified general education requirements below and **12** hours of elective coursework with an overall grade-point average of **2.0**. Completing either degree fulfills WKU's General Education requirements.  
(WKU-O offers courses that fulfill these requirements that could be used as well. These courses are listed below in **bold**.)

These are suggestions. Please consult an OCTC/WKU Advisor for other possibilities and/or changes that may occur with program offerings and/or requirements for either institution.

### A. Writing/Accessing Information (AA/AS – 6 hours)

ENG 101 (3)  
ENG 102 (3)

### B. Oral Communications (AA/AS – 3 hours)

COM 181 (3)  
COM 252 (3)

### C. Foreign Language (Optional 3 - 6 hours with AA)

FR 101* (4)	SPA 101 (4)
RAE 150* (4)	SPA 102 (4)
SED 101 (3)	SPI 101 (4)
SED 102 (3)	SPI 102 (4)

\* Due to WKU Foreign Language Requirement, will only work if earn AA/AS.

### D. Cultural Studies (AA/AS – 3 hours)

\* At least 3 hours in the Core Block must be from the approved Cultural Studies list and can be used to substitute 3 hours from Humanities, Heritage, or Social Interaction requirements. Courses that apply are marked cs.

\*\* WKU'S classification is "World Cultures/American Cultural Diversity".  
WKU-O offers **AFAM 358, AFAM 359, AFAM 360, HIST 353, HIST 358, HIST 359, HIST 360, HIST 461, RELS 302, RELS 320, SOCL 362** to fulfill this requirement.

### E. Humanities (AA/AS – 3 hour minimum)

\* Students can choose to take up to 6 hours more (including Foreign Language) instead of using those hours to take Heritage or Social Interaction courses.  
(All classes below are 3 hours). WKU-O offerings are in **Bold**.

AH 105		PHI 120	<b>HIST 305</b>
AH 106	ENG 264 cs	PHI 130	<b>HIST 306</b>
ART 100	ENG 270	PHL 110	<b>HIST 417</b>
PHL 110	ENG 271	PHL 120	<b>PHIL 320</b>
ENG161	ENG 281	PHL 130	<b>PHIL 321</b>
ENG 251	MUS 100	RS 130 cs	<b>PHIL 323</b>
ENG 252	MUS 200	TA 101	<b>RELS305</b>
ENG 261	MUS 222	TA 200	<b>RELS323</b>
ENG 262	PHI 100	TA 283	<b>THEA355</b>

### F. Heritage (AA/AS – 3 hour minimum)

\* Students can choose to take up to 6 hours more instead of using those hours to take Humanities or Social Interaction Courses.

HIS 104	HIS 108	HIS 120
HIS 105	HIS 109	HIS 240

### G. Social Interaction (AA/AS – 9 hours)

\* At least 2 fields must be represented.

\*\* Students can take an additional 3 hours if not used to take a Humanities, Heritage or a Foreign Language course.  
(All classes below are 3 hours except where noted). WKU-O offerings are in **bold**.

ANT 220 cs	GEO 152 cs	PY 230	CFS 311
COM 254 cs	PS 101	RS 130 cs	<b>GEOG 360</b>
COM 249	PSY 100 (4)	SOC 101	<b>GEOG 471</b>
ECO 201	PSY 223	SOC 152	<b>GEOG 480</b>
ECO 202	PY 110	SOC 235	<b>PSY 350</b>
FAM 252	PY 185	SWK 275	<b>RELS 325</b>
GEN 101	ECO 101		

### H. Science (AA - 9 hours AS – 15 hours)

\* One course must include a laboratory.

\*\* For AA 3 hrs of these can be another math class. AS must include a total of at least 4 credit hours in MA, MT, STA, or ST courses from the approved general education list. See Math section below.

DL – Designated Lab Course

AST 191 (3) DL*	BIO 152 (3)	CHE 230 (3)
BIO 112 (3)	BIO 153 (2) DL	CHE 231 (2) DL
BIO 113 (1)	BIO 224 (4) DL	GEO 251 (3) DL*
BIO 118 (3)	BIO 225 (4) DL	PH 171 (4) DL
BIO 120 (3)	<b>BIO 302 (3)</b>	PHY 151 (3) DL
BIO 121 (1) DL	CHE 104 (3)	PHY 152 (3)
BIO 122 (3)	CHM 104(1) DL	PHY 201 (4) DL
BIO 135 (4) DL	CHE 105 (3)	PHY 203 (4)
BIO 137 (4) DL	CHM 105(1) DL	PHY 211 (5) DL
BIO 141 (4) DL	CHE 107(3)	PHY 213 (5) DL
BIO 143 (4) DL	CHM 107(1)	
BIO 150 (3)	CHE 223(3)	
BIO 151 (2) DL	CHE 233(2) DL	

\* Doesn't count as a lab course for OCTC

### I. Math (AA/AS – 3 hours)

\* See note in Science section above.

\*\* AA - MT 145 or higher. AS - MT 150 or higher.

\*\*\* MT 150 is necessary as a prerequisite for Statistics and certain upper level WKU courses.

MA 109 (3)	MA 113 (4)	MT 107 (3)	MT 145 (3)	STA 200 (3)
MA 110 (4)	MA 114 (4)	MT 109 (3)	MT 150 (3)	ST 290 (3)
MA 112 (2)	MA 201 (3)	MA 202 (3)	MT 175 (3)	ST 291 (3)

### J. Computer Literacy (AA/AS – 3 hours)

\* Students must pass an approved 3 credit hour computer literacy course unless the computer competency exam is successfully completed.

CIS 100 (3)