

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES,

B.I.S. transfer plan

Western Kentucky University

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. Admission to WKU: http://www.wku.edu/admissions/index.php
- 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.
- 3. No particular associate degree is specified.
- 4. If the associate degree is an A.A. or A.S. from a KCTCS institution then general education/Colonnade courses at WKU are considered fulfilled.

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

Application of Credits:

- Transfer equivalencies for WKU admitted students are available on iCAP: http://www.wku.edu/icap/. If not formally admitted to WKU, course transfer equivalencies are available: http://www.wku.edu/transfer/.
- 2. Students must comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). Additional general education/Colonnade coursework needed to fulfill WKU BIS degree program may be taken through WKU or KCTCS.
- 3. The BIS degree is comprised of 36 hours in the Area of Emphasis, 6 hours of programmatic requirements, 39 hours of General Education/Colonnade Courses, and 39 hours of electives. A Baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours.
- 4. A table below outlines the requirements for a B.I.S., once the Associate Degree is completed.



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After completion of the associate degree, students may continue enrollment at a community college to complete the WKU general education/Colonnade requirements. WKU's graduation requirements include 42 hours of upper division courses (numbered 300 to 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/Colonnade requirement are fulfilled. If the students did not complete an AA or AS from KCTCS, then meet with an advisor to determine general education/Colonnade requirements, or view transfer equivalencies at website: http://www.wku.edu/transfer/

Area of Emphasis: 36 hours from the area of emphasis, of which 12 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level).	36
There are 12 emphasis areas from which to choose: Arts, Business, Education, Health, Humanities, Organization & Communication of Ideas, Military Studies, Science, Social and Behavioral Science, Social Justice & Equity Studies, Sustainability, and Technology.	
View the B.I.S. areas of emphasis at : http://www.wku.edu/idst/bis/emphasis.php	
Programmatic Requirements: IDST 395 (Investigative Methods), and IDST 495 (Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone)	6
General Education (complete with AA or AS from KCTCS) View WKU's General Education/Colonnade Requirement at: http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/	39
Electives: 36 hours, of which 24 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level courses).	36
WKU's graduation requirement includes 42 hours of upper-level courses. If you have earned more than 12 upper-level credit hours in the area of emphasis or general education/Colonnade, then the number of upper-level electives will decrease by that same number.	
An elective for the B.I.S. can be any WKU course that complements the degree program and for which you meet the pre-requisites.	
Total Hours (depending on associate degree)	120

If questions: idst@wku.edu; for more information: http://www.wku.edu/idst/bis Date: 9/2016