



# BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES,

## B.I.S. transfer plan

Western Kentucky University

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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. 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.
2. Admission to WKU.
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 courses at WKU are fulfilled.

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

**Application of Credits:**

1. 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/transferequivalencies>.
2. Students must 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.
3. The BIS degree is comprised of 36 hours in the Area of Emphasis, 44 hours of General Education Courses and 40 hours of electives. A Baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours.



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4. A table below outlines the requirements for a B.I.S., once the Associate Degree is completed.

## 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 KCTCS, then meet with an advisor to determine general education requirements, or view transfer equivalencies at website: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>

### Area of Emphasis:

36 hours from the area of emphasis, of which 12 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level).

There are twelve Emphasis Areas from which to choose:

Arts, Business, Education, Health, Humanities, Organizational & 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>

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### Programmatic Requirements:

IDST 395 (Investigative Methods), and IDST 495 (Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone)

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### General Education (\*Complete with AA or AS from KCTCS)

View WKU's General Education Requirement at:

[http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs/Registrar/gen\\_ed.pdf](http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs/Registrar/gen_ed.pdf)

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### Electives:

36 hours, of which 24 hours must be upper-level (300-400 level courses).

WKU's graduation requirement includes 42 hours of upper-level courses. If you have earned additional upper-level credit hours in the Area of Emphasis or General Education 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.

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Total Hours (Depending on Associate degree)

120 +

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

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