

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at Gordon State College (GSC) will provide students with a unique pathway to an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree specific to their needs. GSC's BA in Interdisciplinary Studies will support the Complete College Georgia (CCG) initiative by offering students a flexible, accessible program that will cater to their specific needs. Many non-degreeed central Georgians have completed "some college," usually the result of beginning one or several specific degree programs that were, for any number of reasons during the economic downturn of the previous decade, left unfinished. Often, these collections of disparate courses do not fit into any traditional degree program.

This flexible, four-year degree that students may customize to their individual needs, will draw primarily from existing courses that will allow the student, in consultation with an academic advisor, to assemble an individualized configuration of coursework based upon his or her personal, professional, and interdisciplinary goals. Students will identify an "Area of Emphasis" for their degree and build a 39credit collection of related courses while also selecting 18 additional credits in support of that emphasis. The program will also feature a course during the final semester of enrollment that will ask the student to critically reflect upon the whole of their academic journey and to demonstrate in a formal presentation how their assorted Areas of Concentration fit together cohesively to accomplish their personal educational goals and point them towards an identified career field.

Curriculum

All concentrations require 42 to 46 semester hours of IMPACTS core, and 18 credit hours of Field of Study courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Course		
	Course approved by Program Coordinator	3
Area of Emphasis		
	Select a minimum of eight upper-level courses in area of emphasis	24
	Select a maximum of five lower-level courses in area of emphasis	15
Area of Support		
	Select a minimum of four upper-level courses	12
	Select at least two lower-level courses	6
Total Hours		60

Total: 120 Credit Hours

Interdisciplinary Studies Pre-Approved Concentrations

While most students will want to customize their own Area of Emphasis and degree concentration, GSC has created six pre-approved concentrations for the Interdisciplinary Studies major: Public Services, Management, Professional Communication & Organization, Communication & Organization in the Entertainment Industry, Creative Industry Arts, and Education. Students interested in graduating with

a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies in one of these six pre-approved concentrations should follow the course selections provided.

Public Service Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 2201	State & Local Government	3
HUSV 3060	Human Serv Agencies & Processe	3
MGNT 3050	Human Resource Mgnt	3
Lower Level Electives		
Select up to 4 courses		
BUSA 2101	Intro to Business Info Sys	
COMM 1110	Public Speak	
CRJU 1100	Intro Criminal Justice	
CRJU 2003	Introduction to Corrections	
CRJU 2005	Intro Crim Investigation	
CRJU 2010	Intro Criminal Law	
CRJU 2100	Intro Law Enforcement	
HUSV 2101	Intro to Human Services	
PHIL 2020	Introduction to Ethics	
POLS 2201	State & Local Government	
PSYC 2103	Human Growth & Devel	
SOCI 1160	Intro to Social Problems	
Upper-level courses		
Select a minimum of 6 courses:		
COMM 3930	Public Relations	
COMM 3940	Small Group Commun	
COMM 3950	Organizational Comm	
ENGL 3920	Technical Writing	
HUSV 3001	Research Methods in Soc Sci	
HUSV 3020	Interviewing & Counseling	
HUSV 3080	Social Welfare Pol & Programs	
HUSV 4010	Prog Plan, Dev, & Evaluation	
HUSV 4030	Legal & Ethical Issues in HS	
HUSV 4080	Spec Topics in Human Services	
MGNT 3000	Principles of Management	
MGNT 3100	Marketing Mgnt Principles	
POLS 3000	Special Topics in Poli Science	
PSYC 3020	Interviewing & Counseling	
PSYC 3040	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3060	Organizational Psychology	
SOCI 3045	Poverty	
Capstone Course Approved by Program Coordinator		3
Area of Support		
Choose 0-2 lower-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Choose 4-6 upper-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Total		60

Management Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses		
ACCT 2101	Principles of Accounting I	3

COMM 1110/1500	Public Speak	3
MGNT 3000	Principles of Management	3
Select up to 3 courses		9
ACCT 2101	Principles of Accounting I	
BUSA 1105	Introduction to Business	
BUSA 2101	Intro to Business Info Sys	
BUSA 2105	Communicating in Envir of Bus	
BUSA 2106	Environment of Business	
COMM 2200	Intro to Intercultural Comm.	
ECON 2105	Prin Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Prin Microeconomics	
PHIL 2020	Introduction to Ethics	
Upper-level courses		21
Select a minimum of 7 courses		21
COMM 3100	Argument & Persuasion	
COMM 3940	Small Group Commun	
COMM 3950	Organizational Comm	
ECON 3200	Managerial Economics	
ENGL 3920	Technical Writing	
ENTR 3500	Entrepreneurship & Small Bus	
FINA 3200	Financial Management	
FINA 3700	Personal Finance Plan for Prof	
HUSV 4010	Prog Plan, Dev, & Evaluation	
HUSV 4030	Legal & Ethical Issues in HS	
MGNT 3350		
MKTG 3100	Marketing Mgmt Principles	
MIST 3400	Mgmt Information Systems	
PSYC 3040	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3060	Organizational Psychology	
Capstone Course Approved by Program Coordinator		3
Area of Support		18-21
Choose 0-2 lower-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Choose 4-6 upper-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Total		60

Professional Communications and Organization Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses		
COMM 2200	Intro to Intercultural Comm.	3
ENGL 3920	Technical Writing	3
Lower-level courses		12
Select up to 4 courses		
BUSA 2101	Intro to Business Info Sys	
BUSA 2105	Communicating in Envir of Bus	
COMM 1110	Public Speak	
COMM 2100	Intro to Mass Communication	
HIST 2000	Historical Research & Writ	
HIST 2183	Archival Theory & Practice	
ITEC 2215	Intro to Information Techn	
ITEC 2220	Web Design & Development	
ITEC 2245	Foundations of Database Design	

MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	
PHIL 2020	Introduction to Ethics	
THEA 1000	Voice and Diction	
Upper-level courses		21
Select a minimum of 7 courses		
COMM 3100	Argument & Persuasion	
COMM 3930	Public Relations	
COMM 3940	Small Group Commun	
COMM 3950	Organizational Comm	
ENGL 3911	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 3912	Advanced Grammar	
ENGL 3930	Writing for New Media	
MGNT 3000	Principles of Management	
MGNT 3400	Mgmt Information Systems	
PSYC 3060	Organizational Psychology	
SOCI 3060	Culture & Diversity	
Capstone Course Approved by Program Coordinator		3
Area of Support		18-21
Choose 0-2 lower-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Choose 4-6 upper-level courses in consultation with advisor		
Total		60

Creative Industry Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Courses Related to Program of Study		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 1100	Intro to Human Communication	
COMM 1110	Public Speak	
COMM 1500	Intro to Interpersonal Commun	
COMM 2100	Intro to Mass Communication	
COMM 2200	Intro to Intercultural Comm.	
Select two of the following:		6
ACCT 2101	Principles of Accounting I	
ACCT 2102	Principles of Accounting II	
BUSA 1105	Introduction to Business	
BUSA 2101	Intro to Business Info Sys	
BUSA 2105	Communicating in Envir of Bus	
BUSA 2106	Environment of Business	
ECON 2105	Prin Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Prin Microeconomics	
Select two of the following:		6
Choose any two 1000-2000 level ARTS, ENGL, or THEA		
Program Requirements:		
Required Courses		6
INST 2000	Project Management	3
INST 3000	Intro to Creative Industry Art	3
Georgia Film Consortium		15
Choose one of the following Certification Concentrations:		
Film & Television Production Certification Concentration		
(Sequence A or B)		
Sequence A:		
GFA 1000	GFA Intro On-Set Film Prod	

GFA 3010	Prod Design I
GFA 4010	Production Design II

Sequence B:

GFA 1000	GFA Intro On-Set Film Prod
GFA 3020	Motion Pict Set Lighting I
GFA 4020	Motion Pict Set Light II

Film & Television Post-Production Certificate Concentration

(Sequence A or B)

Sequence A:

GFA 1040	Intro to Film & TV Post-Produc
GFA 3040	Intro to Edit - Avid Media 100
GFA 4040	Adv Edit Avid Media 200

Sequence B:

GFA 1040	Intro to Film & TV Post-Produc
GFA 3140	Intro Sound Design Avid 100
GFA 4140	

Digital Entertainment, Esports, & Game Development Concentrations

(Sequence A or B)

Sequence A:

GFA 1500	Intro Digital Ent Esports/Game
GFA 2510	Evnt Mgmt Digital Ent & Esport
GFA 3510	Dgltal Ent & Esport Evnt Design

Sequence B:

GFA 1500	Intro Digital Ent Esports/Game
GFA 2520	Host & Cast Digital Ent & Espo
GFA 3520	Dgltal Ent & Esport Create Dev

Creative Arts Electives 12

Select four of the following:

ARTS 3610	Intro to Computer Graphics
ARTS 3620	Art of Storyboarding
ENGL 3610	Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 3620	Creative Writing: Nonfiction
ENGL 3630	Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 3640	Creative Wrtg: Script Writing
THEA 3610	Directing
THEA 3268	Scenic Painting
THEA 3630	Applied Creative Production

Communication & Management Electives 12

Select four of the following:

COMM 3930	Public Relations
COMM 3940	Small Group Commun
COMM 3950	Organizational Comm
ENGL 3930	Writing for New Media
MGNT 3000	Principles of Management
MGNT 3050	Human Resource Mgmt
MGNT 3100	Marketing Mgmt Principles
MGNT 3500	Entrepreneurship & Small Bus

General Electives 9

Choose any three courses from GSC Academic Catalog (ensuring that a minimum of 39 total degree credits are upper-level)

Senior Capstone 3

Select one of the following:

INST 4900	INST Senior Capstone
INST 4910	INST Senior Internship

Liberal Arts Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
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I - Institutional Priority

FIRE 1000	Freshmen Intro to Reasoning Es	2
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Select one of the following:

COLQ 2991	Humanities Colloquium
COLQ 2992	Nat Sci/Math Colloquium
COLQ 2993	Social Science Colloquium

M - Mathematics and Quantitative Skills

MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills & Reason or MATH 1111 College Algebra
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P - Political Science and U.S. History

POLS 1101	American Govt	3
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HIST 2111	American History I or HIST 2112 American History II
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A - Arts and Humanities

Select one of the following:

ARTS 1100	Art Appreciation
ARTS 1101	Survey of Art History I
ARTS 1102	Survey of Art History II

COMM 1100	Intro to Human Communication
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COMM 1110	Public Speak
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COMM 1500	Intro to Interpersonal Commun
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HUMN 1500	Humanities I
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MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation
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SPAN 1001	Elem Spanish I
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SPAN 1002	Elem Spanish II
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THEA 1000	Voice and Diction
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THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation
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Select one of the following:

ENGL 2111	World Literature I
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ENGL 2112	World Literature II
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ENGL 2121	British Lit I
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ENGL 2122	British Lit II
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ENGL 2131	American Lit I
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ENGL 2132	American Lit II
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ENGL 2141	African American Lit I
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ENGL 2142	African American Lit II
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PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
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PHIL 2020	Introduction to Ethics
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C - Communication in Writing

ENGL 1101	English Comp I
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ENGL 1102	English Comp II
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T - Technology, Mathematics and Science

Select one of the following:

ASTR 1010K	Astronomy of Solar System
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BIOL 1111K	Introductory Biology I
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CHEM 1151K	Survey of Chemistry I
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GEOL 1121K	Intro Geosci I: Phys Geol
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GEOL 1122K	Intro Geosci II: Hist Geol	
ISCI 1121K	Integrated Science	
PHYS 1111K	Intro Physics I	
Select one of the following:		
ASTR 1020K	Stellar & Galactic Astronomy	
BIOL 1112K	Introductory Biology II	
CHEM 1152K	Survey of Chemistry II	
PHYS 1112K	Intro Physics II	
BIOL 1011	Natural Science	
BIOL 1050	Intro to Human Biology	
CHEM 2200	Science, Tech, & Modern World	
CSCI 1101	Introduction to Computers & Computer Programming	
CSCI 2102	Visual Basic	
CSCI 2102	Visual Basic	
MATH 1113	Precalculus	
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 1501	Calculus I	
PHSC 1011	Physical Science	
S - Social Sciences		
Select two of the following:		
ANTH 1102	Intro to Anthropology	
ECON 2105	Prin Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Prin Microeconomics	
HIST 1121	Western Civ I	
HIST 1122	Western Civ II	
HIST 2111	American History I	
HIST 2112	American History II	
POLS 2201	State & Local Government	
POLS 2301	Comparative Politics	
POLS 2401	Global Issues	
PSYC 1101	Intro to Psychology	
SOCI 1101	Intro to Sociology	
Physical Education		
PHED 1001	Health & Wellness for Living	3
	or PHED 1010 Physical Fitness for Life	
PHED - Physical Education Activity Course		
Courses related to Program of Study		18
Choose 18 semester hours of 1000-2000 level courses in consultation with your academic advisor		
Area of Emphasis (39 Semester Hours; Minimum 24 Credits in Upper-level Courses)		
Area of Support (18 Semester Hours; Minimum 12 Credits in Upper-level Courses)		
Capstone - must be approved by program coordinator		3
INST 4900	INST Senior Capstone	
INST 4910	INST Senior Internship	
or approved alternate		
Total Semester Hours		120-124

Education Concentration

The BA in Interdisciplinary Studies with an Education focus is designed to give students in the Education Program an option to graduate

without teacher licensure. This program includes coursework in general education, instructional methods, assessment, classroom management, and special education, all of which equip graduates with the skills to design, develop, and implement engaging learning environments across diverse settings. Courses maintain the same level of academic rigor as those in the teacher preparation program. Because it does not include supervised teaching practicums or an internship, the degree does not meet requirements for initial teacher licensure. Instead, it is designed for individuals who want the academic preparation related to teaching but prefer a non-licensure track. With the flexibility to align coursework to individual interests, the program prepares graduates for education-focused careers beyond traditional classroom teaching.

Admission criteria are the same as the criteria for the Education Program. This is an optional pathway within the program.

Code	Title	Hours
IMPACTS core		42-46
Courses related to Program of Study		18
All courses require a grade of C or above		
EDUC 2110	Investigating Issues in Educ	
EDUC 2120	Exploring Socio-Cultural Persp	
EDUC 2130	Exploring Learning & Teaching	
MATH 2008	Foundations Of Numbers & Op	
ISCI 2001	EC& Mid Grades Life/Earth Sci	
ISCI 2002	EC & Mid Grades Physical Sci	
Total		60
Literacy Foundations		3
Requires a grade of C or above		
EDUC 2140	Foundations of Reading	3
Area of Emphasis		39
All upper-level courses require a grade of C or above. Special Education (SPED) courses require a grad of B or above		
EDUC 3003	Classroom Management	
EDUC 3500	Professionalism: Field Exp I	
EDUC 3002	Assessment in EC Educ	
EDUC 3000	Integrated & Applied Arts	
EDUC 3300	Integrated Social Studies	
EDUC 4200	Science in Early Childhood Ed	
EDUC 4001	EC Methods & Materials	
EDUC 3200	Instructional Technol & Media	
LART 3005	Intro to Teaching of Reading	
LART 3090	Children's Literature	
LART 3006	Teach Read in Content Areas	
LART 3007	Analysis & Correction of Read	
SPED 3100	Characteris of Stu w/ Disabil	
Area of Support		15
Minimum 3 upper level, 2 lower level		
SPED 4000	Educ Assess Exceptional Child	
SPED 4200	Ed Interventions/Mild Disabil	
SPED 3105	Except Lrn in Middle & Sec	
EDUC 3005	Mid & Sec Curric/Instr/Assess	
EDUC 4600	Classroom Mgnt for Mid & Secon	
EDUC 3610	Nature & Needs of Adolescent	
LART 3030	Adolescent Literature	

MATH 3001	Topics in Early Child Math	
MATH 3002	Geometry for Elem Teachers	
MATH 3003	Data Analysis, Probabil & Conn	
Any 2000 level ENGL, HIST, PSYC, THEA, COMM, ARTS		
Required Course		3
EDUC 4990	Independent Study in Educ	3