

ACADEMIC MAP

Multidisciplinary Studies B.A.



Semester 1

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
COLL 101 ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE	1	
ENGL 101 COMPOSITION 1	3	
MINOR 1	3	GEN ED PRE-REQUISITE
MINOR 2	3	GEN ED PRE-REQUISITE
MINOR 3	3	GEN ED PRE-REQUISITE
MATH 121, 126 OR HIGHER	3	
TOTAL:	16	



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Semester 2

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
ENGL 102 ~COMPOSITION 2	3	
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3	
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3	
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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3	
TOTAL:	15	



MILESTONE COURSE:

These courses are the keys to graduation. Courses should be taken in the recommended semesters to stay on time for

Semester 3

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL EDUCATION	4	
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3	OR Minor Course
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
TOTAL:	16	



CAREER PLANNING:

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Semester 4

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL EDUCATION	4	
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3	OR MINOR COURSE
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
TOTAL:	16	



ELECTIVES: Course sequencing for the MDS requires careful advising each semester based on the requirements of the minors selected. Electives must

be chosen carefully to ensure program completion.



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TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS:

121

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Semester 5

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
MINOR 1,2 OR 3 AS NEEDED	3	
ELECTIVE (MDS ADVISOR APPROVED)	3	
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Semester 6

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
MINOR 1,2 OR 3 AS NEEDED	3	
ELECTIVE (MDS ADVISOR APPROVED)	3	
TOTAL:	15	



MILESTONE COURSE:

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completion.

Semester 7

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
MDS 491 PROJECT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT	1	
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
MINOR 1,2 OR 3 AS NEEDED	3	
ELECTIVE (MDS ADVISOR APPROVED)	3	
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Semester 8

COURSE	CR	COMMENTS
MDS 492 SENIOR PROJECT	3	
MINOR 1	3	
MINOR 2	3	
MINOR 3	3	
TOTAL:	12	



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121

BIOLOGY MINOR	
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
BIOL 115 — PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	4
BIOL 117 — INTRODUCTORY PHYSIOLOGY	4
CHOOSE TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING (8 HOURS)	
BIOL 107 — ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 1	4
BIOL 108 — ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 2	4
BIOL 211 — ZOOLOGY: ANIMALS AS ORGANISMS	4
BIOL 212 — BOTANY: PLANTS AS ORGANISMS	4
BIOL 219 — THE LIVING CELL	4
COURSES SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING (10 HOURS)	
BIOL 200 AND 201 — MICROBIOLOGY W/LAB	4
BIOL 371 — PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS	4
BIOL 436 — GENERAL ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY	3
BIOL 461 — PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION	3

BUSINESS MINOR	
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
ECON 201 — MICROECONOMICS	3
ECON 202 — MACROECONOMICS	3
REQUIRED BUSINESS COURSES (18 HOURS)	
ACCT 201 — PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING 1	3
MGMT 220 — PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	3
MKTG 230 — PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	3
GBUS 310 — BUSINESS LAW 1	3
UPPER LEVEL BUSINESS OR ECONOMICS COURSE (Approved by MDS Advisor)	3
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CHEMISTRY MINOR	
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
CHEM 115 — FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY 1	4
CHEM 116 — FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY 2	4
REQUIRED CHEMISTRY COURSES (18 HOURS)	
CHEM 233/235 — ORGANIC CHEMISTRY 1 W/LAB	4
CHEM 234/236 — ORGANIC CHEMISTRY 2 W/LAB	4
CHEM 410/12 - BIOCHEMISTRY W/LAB	4
PHYS 101 — INTRO TO PHYSICS 1 W/LAB	4
UPPER LEVEL CHEMISTRY	2
*NOTE: CHEMISTRY 111 DOES NOT MEET ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR MDS CHEMISTRY MINOR	

COMMUNICATION MINOR	
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
COMM 111 — FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH	3
COMM 112 — SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION	3
REQUIRED COMMUNICATION STUDIES COURSES (18 HOURS)	
COMM 202 — INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3

COMM 304 — HUMAN COMMUNICATION AND RATIONAL DECISIONS	3
COMM 306 — HUMAN COMMUNICATION IN ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS	3
COMM 308 — NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION	3
COMM 316 — INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	3
COMM 404 — PERSUASION THEORY AND RESEARCH	3

FINE ARTS MINOR (SELECT ONE)		
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK		
ART Courses to be completed from General Education	MUSIC Courses to be completed from General Education	THEATRE Courses to be completed from General Education
ART 101: 3 Credit Hours	ART 101: 3 Credit Hours	ART 101: 3 Credit Hours
MUSI 170: 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 170: 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 170: 3 Credit Hours
THEA 101: 3 Credit Hours	THEA 101: 3 Credit Hours	THEA 101: 3 Credit Hours
Completion of the following (18 hours)	Completion of the following (18 hours)	Completion of the following (18 hours)
ART 111: 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 121: 4 Credit Hours	THEA 102: 3 Credit Hours
ART 240: 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 122: 4 Credit Hours	THEA 131: 3 Credit Hours
Choose one for 3 Credit Hours ART 112, 213 OR 241	MUSI 171 - 190 Applied Music: 1 Credit Hour	THEA (lower level): 3 Credit Hours
ART (upper level studio): 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 390 (upper level applied music): 3 Credit Hours	THEA 302 or THEA 404: 3 Credit Hours
ART 360: 3 Credit Hours	MUSI 311: 3 Credit Hours	THEATRE HISTORY: 3 Credit Hours
MDS 460: 3 Credit Hours	MDS 460: 3 Credit Hours	MDS 460: 3 Credit Hours

NOTE: ALL FINE ARTS MINORS MDS 460: FINE ARTS SEMINAR (REQUIRED) 3 HOURS

HISTORY MINOR	
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
SELECT HIST 101 - 102 OR HIST 152 - 153 (6 HOURS)	
HIST 101 — WESTERN CIVILIZATION THROUGH REFORMATION	3
HIST 102 — WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM REFORMATION	3
HIST 152 — US HISTORY THROUGH CIVIL WAR	3
HIST 153 — US HISTORY FROM RECONSTRUCTION	3
SELECT 18 HOURS FROM THESE COURSES	
HIST 250 — WEST VIRGINIA AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION	3
HIST 302 — HISTORY OF AMERICAN INDIANS	3
HIST 306 — COLONIAL AMERICAN 1607 - 1763	3
HIST 310 — AFRICAN - AMERICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 340 — AMERICAN CENTURY 1919 - 1989	3
HIST 355 — GREECE AND ROME	3
HIST 360 — HISTORY OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	3
HIST 390 — LEGENDS, LORE, AND MYTHOLOGY	3
HIST 410 — REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA: 1763 -1787	3
HIST 430 — CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION	3
HIST 445 — HISTORY OF AMERICAN WOMEN	3
HIST 463 — EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE AGES	3
HIST 465 — RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION	3
HIST 475 — MODERN EUROPE 1900 - PRESENT	3

LITERATURE MINOR
A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK

COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION (6 HOURS)	
ENGL 131 — TYPES OF LITERATURE 1	3
ENGL 132 — TYPES OF LITERATURE 2	3
ENGL 221 — WORLD LITERATURE 1	3
ENGL 222 — WORLD LITERATURE 2	3
ENGL 241 — AMERICAN LITERATURE 1	3
ENGL 242 — AMERICAN LITERATURE 2	3
ENGL 261 — ENGLISH LITERATURE 1	3
ENGL 262 — ENGLISH LITERATURE 2	3
SELECT 3 HOURS FROM THESE COURSES	
ENGL 213 — CREATIVE WRITING: POETRY	3
ENGL 214 — CREATIVE WRITING: NONFICTION	3
ENGL 215 — CREATIVE WRITING: FICTION	3
SELECT 15 HOURS FROM THESE COURSES	
ENGL 285 — GENDER IN LITERATURE	3
ENGL 320 — MEDIEVAL LITERATURE	3
ENGL 325 — SHAKESPEARE	3
ENGL 330 — MILTON	3
ENGL 335 — THE ROMANTIC MOVEMENT	3
ENGL 340 — THE VICTORIAN ERA	3
ENGL 345 — MODERN & POST MODERN LITERATURE	3
ENGL 410 — REGIONAL LITERATURE	3
ENGL 415 - AMERICAN VOICES	3
ENGL 420 — SINGLE AUTHOR	3
ENGL 425 — TOPICS CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL LITERATURE	3
ENGL 430 — COMPARATIVE LITERATURE	3
ENGL 450 — LITERARY CRITICISM	3

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
PSYC 101 — INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 241 — INTRO TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3
REQUIRED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES (18 HOURS)	
PSYC 281 — ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 318 — HISTORY & SYSTEMS	3
PSYC 323 — INDUSTRIAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 350 — INTRO TO COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 362 — PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	3
PSYC 363 — THEORIES OF PERSONALITY	3

SOCIOLOGY MINOR A GRADE OF C OR HIGHER IS REQUIRED IN ALL MINOR COURSEWORK	
COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FROM GENERAL EDUCATION	
SOC 101 — INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	3
SOC 221 — MARRIAGE AND FAMILY	3
REQUIRED SOCIOLOGY COURSES (18 HOURS)	
SOC 107 — SOCIAL PROBLEMS	3
SOC 302 — DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	3
SOC 360 — GENDER HUMAN IDENTITY	3
SOC 362 — SOCIOLOGY OF AGING	3
SOC 390 — WORLD CULTURES THROUGH FILM	3
SOC 405 — SOCIAL INEQUALITY	3

General Education Courses



FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Composition & Rhetoric (6)	Science & Technology (8)	Math & Quantitative Skills (3)	Society, Diversity, & Connections (12)	Human Inquiry & the Past (6)	The Arts & Creativity (12)
ENGL 101 (3) ENGL 102 (3)	Two consecutively numbered courses OR one course in Biological Science and one course in a Physical Science selected from: Biological Science BIOL 101/103(4) BIOL 102/104(4) BIOL 115 (4) BIOL 117 (4) Physical Science ASTR 106 (4) CHEM 111 (4) CHEM 115 (4) CHEM 116 (4) GEOL 101/102 (4) GEOL 103/104 (4) PSCI 111 (4) PSCI 112 (4) PHYS 101 (4) PHYS 102 (4) PHYS 111 (4) PHYS 112 (4)	One course selected from: MATH 121 (3) MATH 126 (3) MATH 128 (3) MATH 150 (3) MATH 155 (4) MATH 156 (4) MATH 211 (3)	Four courses selected from four* different disciplines from the following list: COMM 111 (3) COMM 112 (3) ECON 201 (3) ECON 202 (3) GEOG 102 (3) POLS 102 (3) PSYC 101 (3) PSYC 241 (3) RELI 231 (3) SOC 101 (3) SOC 221 (3)	Two consecutively numbered courses OR one course in History and one course in Philosophy from the following list: HIST 101 (3) HIST 102 (3) HIST 152 (3) HIST 153 (3) PHIL 111 (3) PHIL 170 (3)	Four courses selected from four* different disciplines from the following list: ART 101 (3) MUSI 170 (3) THEA 101 (3) One of the following: ENGL 131 (3) ENGL 132 (3) ENGL 221 (3) ENGL 222 (3) ENGL 241 (3) ENGL 242 (3) ENGL 261 (3) ENGL 262 (3)

*Multidisciplinary Studies students may take 6 hours (two courses) of general education in the following disciplines if elected as an MDS minor: Communication, Economics, History, Literature, Psychology, and Sociology

*Select these General Education prerequisites for appropriate minors:

Biology	Biology 115 and Biology 117
Business	Economics 201 and Economics 202
Chemistry	Chemistry 115 and Chemistry 116
Communications	Communications 111 and Communications 112
Fine Arts	Art 101 and Music 170
History	Two courses from History 101-102, 152-153
Literature	Two courses from English 131, 132, 221,222,241,242, 261, 262
Psychology	Psychology 101 and Psychology 241
Sociology	Sociology 101 and Sociology 221

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Bachelor of Arts degree in multidisciplinary studies provides a rigorous academic program with a strong foundation in the arts and sciences. The program provides preparation for graduate or professional degrees beyond the college's other, specialized and primarily professional/career focused, bachelor's degree programs.

This degree program is comprised of three related minor areas of study and culminates with a senior project that combines these three disciplines. The program does not limit students or courses of study to a particular major or division, but emphasizes multidisciplinary/cross-disciplinary studies. The program's flexibility, appropriate breadth and depth in the chosen areas of study, and focus on developing an understanding of the nature of cross-disciplinary investigation constitute its most salient features.

Each student selects three minor areas for study and then must demonstrate how these areas contribute to their educational or career goals. Multidisciplinary studies students complete a senior project during their final semester as a means to incorporate all three disciplines.

Minors currently available include:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Fine Arts (Art, Music, or Theatre)
- History
- Literature
- Psychology
- Sociology

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- a pathway for students who plan to earn a masters or professional degree in areas of health science (medicine, physician assistant, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, etc.), human services (counseling, psychology, social work), theology/divinity, law, or attend graduate school in the arts, humanities, natural sciences, or social sciences.
- an opportunity for students to study three disciplines and to investigate the interrelationships among them.
- a rigorous Bachelor of Arts degree for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree but do not have a clear career path.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Students must apply for formal admission to the Multidisciplinary Studies degree program.
2. New students should begin their college studies in the Associate in Arts degree program.
3. Students must have completed at least 30 credit hours in the MDS General Education curriculum with at least one course in each general education strand with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average before they apply.
4. A formal application for admission must be submitted to the Multidisciplinary Studies program office. The application includes a Letter of Intent that identifies the student's three proposed minors and explains how the student will combine these disciplines to achieve their educational or career goals.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

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| • General Education and College 101 | 48 hours |
| • Multidisciplinary Studies Minor 1 | 18 hours |
| • Multidisciplinary Studies Minor 2 | 18 hours |
| • Multidisciplinary Studies Minor 3 | 18 hours |
| • MDS 491: Project Proposal Development | 1 hour |
| • MDS 492: Senior Project | 3 hours |
| • Electives | 15 hours |
| TOTAL | 121 hours |

SENIOR PROJECT: 4 credit hours

- MDS 491 Project Proposal Development (1 credit hour)
- MDS 492 Senior Project (3 credit hours)

All Multidisciplinary Studies students will enroll in and complete MDS 492: Senior Project during the final semester of their degree program. The senior project will combine the student's three minors. The project may take a variety of formats: formal research paper, scientific laboratory research, internship or cooperative education experience, social science research, or creative project. Students should discuss project ideas with a faculty member in each of

their minor fields and with the MDS program advisor. Students will enroll in MDS 491: Project Proposal Development in the semester before they plan to complete the Senior Project. The proposal will be reviewed and approved by a faculty committee consisting of one faculty member from each of the student's three minors.

ELECTIVES (15 credit hours) Electives in the Multidisciplinary Studies program are for students to:

- Take additional courses in one or more of their minors
- Take a four semester sequence in a Foreign Language or Mathematics since minors are not available in these disciplines
- Take courses in other fields to support their senior project
- Take courses for personal interest

Students should select electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES:

- Monitor program progress through My Degree to remain on graduation pathway.
- Earn 121 credit hours as listed in the curriculum.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours at WVU Parkersburg.
- At least 60 credit hours must be 200-level or above and of the 60 hours, at least 30 hours must be 300 or 400 level.
- Earn 18 credit hours in each of three minors.
- Earn a grade of C or better in all course work for each minor.
- Complete a proposal (MDS 491) and a senior project (MDS 492) with a grade of C or better.
- Achieve a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 2.7.
- Complete and file the graduation applications, in OLSIS, within the stated deadlines.