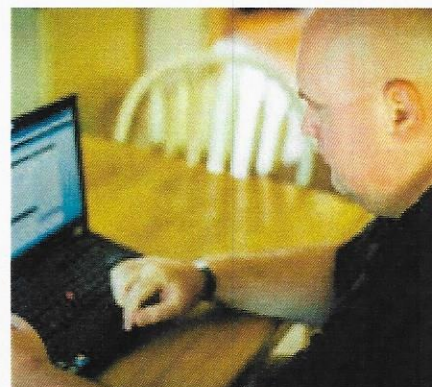


# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM



## COMPLETE YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH OTHER ADULT LEARNERS IN A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM.

Since 1973, the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies at EIU has been serving adult learners in Illinois, helping them meet their goal of earning a bachelor's degree. Technology has allowed us to expand beyond Illinois, by offering this adult focused degree-completion program completely online.

### COURSE FLEXIBILITY

We know everybody, including you, has a unique set of circumstances under which they're trying to earn a degree. That's why we offer online and on-site classes, with advising available in the Chicago area, Champaign, and Charleston.

### CREDIT TRANSFER

The IDS degree program can accept up to 100 semester hours in transfer from regionally accredited colleges and universities, including as many as 80 hours earned at a community college, and credits earned through military training.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree, a student must complete 120 semester hours (s.h.) of credit which include:

#### University-Wide Requirements

- 40 s.h. at the junior/senior level
- 20 s.h. earned from Eastern Illinois University (on campus, off campus, or distance learning courses)
- 3 s.h. of senior seminar

#### Core Courses

- IDS 2985 - Adults in Transition

*Note: Required for those who have not completed college courses in the past five years. Elective option for everyone else.*

- IDS 3002 - Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner
- IDS 4001 - Self-Directed Leadership

#### General Education Requirements

- 12 s.h. scientific awareness/mathematics
- 12 s.h. social/behavioral sciences
- 12 s.h. humanities/fine arts
- 6 s.h. communication/English

*Students who have earned an A.A. or A.S. degree from a regionally accredited institution have met general education requirements.*

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# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES & PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT



## WAYS TO EARN CREDIT THROUGH PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Prior learning assessment is a process of evaluating a student's life experiences and evaluating them for college-level learning. Assessment of prior learning is valuable to the adult learner as it validates knowledge gained outside of the traditional classroom. It can save students time and money by decreasing the number of required courses needed for degree completion.

### MILITARY

The military now utilizes Joint Services Transcripts (JST) in place of AARTS/SMARTS transcripts. These transcripts are a record of college-level credits earned through military coursework and training during the time of service. For information on how to request a Joint Services Transcript, visit the American Council on Education website at <http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/Transcript-Services.aspx>.

### SUBJECT MATTER/PROFICIENCY EXAMS

Credit from certain national proficiency exams are accepted at Eastern Illinois University. These exams test mastery of college-level material. Before taking any exam, please work with your IDS academic advisor to ensure these exams will reduce remaining degree requirements.

### EIU ACCEPTS TEST RESULTS FROM:

CLEP: Please visit <http://clep.collegeboard.org>.

DSST: Please visit <http://getcollegecredit.com>.

UExcel (Excelsior): Please visit <http://excelsior.edu/exams>.

### PRIOR LEARNING PORTFOLIO

Students admitted in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program who believe they have gained college-level learning outside the formal classroom, through experiences such as work and community service, are encouraged to develop a prior learning portfolio, whereby they will equate their knowledge to content taught through EIU courses. Students are required to complete an online course, IDS 3001 Prior Learning Portfolio. This is a 3 semester hour, upper division course. With successful completion of this course, students will not only have 3 hours towards their upper division requirement, students will also have a completed portfolio that can be submitted for evaluation. EIU faculty members review the portfolio and determine a credit award based on the learning that is demonstrated in the prior learning portfolio.

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