



B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

IDS DEFINED

Per Merriam-Webster, Interdisciplinary Studies is defined as “involving two or more disciplines.” The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program is intended to serve adult/non-traditional students. Individuals who benefit most include those who:

- Have full-time obligations (work, parenting, caregiving, etc.)
- Prefer to tailor their own program by completing coursework across multiple disciplines
- Need a degree for promotion
- Need a degree to continue in their jobs
- Need a degree for career opportunities
- Choose to obtain a degree for their own edification

IDS ADVANTAGES

**INTERDISCIPLINARY
STUDIES**
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

FLEXIBILITY

- Program can be completed 100% online
- Up to 100 transfer credits accepted
- Up to 78 lower-division (freshman/sophomore) credits accepted
- Students create their own schedules
- Students create their own degree pathways

ACCESSIBILITY

- Multiple locations for academic advising
- Late-hour advising available to students
- Individualized advising plans provide personal attention



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AFFORDABLE

- EIU tuition is one of the lowest in the state of Illinois for baccalaureate programs
- Tuition waivers
- Scholarships
- Transfer scholarships



REPUTATION

- EIU was listed as the top regional institution in Illinois per College Consensus
- EIU is best online regional in Illinois per BestColleges.com
- Eastern Illinois University continues to be a high ranked Illinois school among the Midwest's top public regional universities, according to *U.S. News and World Report*
- Fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

SUPPORT

- Advisors who work with students to ensure they progress toward completion
- Kind staff who assist students and provide excellent customer service
- Tutoring (including online assistance)
- Wellness opportunities
- Library system resources



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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

University-Wide Requirements:

- 120 semester credit hours
- 40 hours at the junior/senior level
- 20 hours earned at EIU
- 3 hours of Senior Seminar
- Submit 3 EWPs (electronic writing portfolios)

IDS Program-Specific Courses:

- IDS 2985: Adults in Transition*
- IDS 3002: Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner
- IDS 4001: Self-Directed Leadership

Optional:

- IDS 3001: BGS Prior Learning Portfolio-earn credits through experiential learning

*May be waived if student has taken any college courses within 5 years of being admitted to the IDS Program

General Education Requirements*:

- 12 hours scientific awareness or mathematics
- 12 hours social/behavioral sciences
- 12 hours humanities or fine arts
- 6 hours communication/English writing

*Students who have earned an A.A. or A.S. degree have completed their general education requirements

**Foreign language not required

DEGREE ACCELERATION/ CREDIT for PRIOR LEARNING

- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)
- UExcel Exams
- Active-Duty Military/Veteran Joint Services Transcripts (JSTs)
- Police Institute credit
- National Certification Exams (CompTIA, Microsoft, Cisco, Etc.)
- Prior Learning Portfolios (must enroll in IDS 3001)

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