Integrated Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies is designed for adult learners who want to build on their existing education and tailor their degree to match their personal and professional educational goals. Learners discover and engage with subjects across disciplines in a given area concentration or combine their Arts & Sciences courses with professional studies. Students acquire the foundation for career development and lifelong learning, honing skills in writing, deep reading, communication and critical thinking. By approaching subjects across disciplines, learners consider and analyze issues using multiple lenses. They deepen their understanding of problems, test new approaches to challenges, and learn to solve issues creatively.

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Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies

All University College undergraduate students must satisfy the same general-education requirements (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/ucollege/bachelors/#degreerequirements).

Students in the Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies program choose from the Area Concentration Track or the Arts & Sciences Professional Track, each of which culminates in a capstone experience.

Area Concentration Track

Required Courses: 36 units

In the Area Concentration Track, students take course work from across the Humanities, Sciences & Mathematics, or Social Science to acquire multiple perspectives and approaches to similar subjects. Learning how a variety of disciplines approach questions provides a foundation for appreciating differences across cultures, in different areas of work and life, and among individuals. Students acquire a range of tools for approaching problems and creating solutions.

Students complete 33 units in one of the following focus areas. At least 18 units must be at the 300 or 400 level.

Humanities focus, which includes the following:
  • African and African-American Studies
  • Art and Archaeology

  • Classics
  • English Composition
  • English Literature
  • French*
  • History
  • Italian*
  • Korean*
  • Philosophy
  • Spanish*
  • Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

* Foreign languages fulfill the Humanities Concentration of the Integrated Studies degree; they can also fulfill the Languages and the Arts distribution area for general education requirements.

Sciences & Mathematics focus, which includes the following:
  • Biology
  • Chemistry
  • Earth & Planetary Sciences
  • Mathematics and Statistics
  • Physics

Social Science focus, which includes the following:
  • Anthropology
  • Economics
  • History
  • International Studies
  • Political Science
  • Psychology
  • Sociology
  • Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Capstone (3 units)

Students must also complete a 3-unit capstone essay in which they reflect on the integration of a topic across fields within the chosen concentration.

Arts & Sciences Professional Track

Required Courses: 36 units

In the Arts & Sciences Professional Track, students pair the critical thinking, research and writing that are essential across multiple careers with a set of skills that advances their prospects in a particular profession.

Area Concentration (18 units)

Students choose from either Humanities, Social Sciences, or Math & Science. Courses must be at the 300 or 400 level.

Professional Studies (15 units):
Students choose individual courses that best advance their goals or that focus on a given area. Professional studies courses are chosen from the following:

- Business
- Clinical Research Management
- Communications
- Computers and Information Management
- Design Thinking
- Geographic Information Systems
- Human Resources Management**
- Journalism
- Nonprofit Management**
- Sustainability

**Capstone (3 units)**

Students reflect on, research and develop a set of best practices in a chosen profession.

**Optional Certificate**

Students in the Arts & Sciences Professional Track may focus on a given area and can earn a certificate (13-21 units) in the following areas:

- Business
- Clinical Research Management
- Forensic Psychology
- Geographic Information Systems
- Marketing
- Strategic Communications
- Sustainability

** Undergraduates may take a maximum of 9 units of 500-level (graduate-level) course work.