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: 37 units

In the Area Concentration Track, students take course work across the humanities, sciences and mathematics, or social sciences, which provides multiple perspectives and approaches to similar subjects. Learning how a variety of disciplines approach questions provides a foundation for appreciating differences across cultures, areas of work and life, and among individuals. Students acquire a range of tools for approaching problems and creating solutions.

Students complete 36 units in one of the below areas of concentration. At least 18 units must be at the 300-400 level.

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

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

Social Science focus, which includes:
Anthropology
Economics
Geographic Information Systems
History
International Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

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

Capstone (1 unit)
Complete a 1-unit capstone essay, reflecting on the integration of a topic across fields within the chosen concentration.

Arts & Sciences Professional Track

Required Courses: 37 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 (18–21 units)
Students choose from Humanities, Social Sciences, or Math & Science. At least 18 units must be at the 300-400 level.

Professional Studies: (15-18 units)
Students choose individual courses that best advance their goals, or focus on a given area. Professional studies courses are chosen from:

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

** Capstone (1 unit)
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
Geographic Information Systems
Marketing
Strategic Communications
Sustainability

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