

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES - B.I.S.

College of Arts and Sciences
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Description

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree provides maximum freedom for students who wish to take a multidisciplinary, individualized approach to the design of an educational program while maintaining a focus on career and professional goals. The Integrative Studies major has a General concentration, and a Two Minors concentration. These concentrations may have the most appeal for students near the end of their academic careers (senior-level students) who are re-evaluating their academic and career choices. It is a program in which the student undertakes the responsibility for the research and design of their program, in consultation with an advisor.

The **Integrative Studies-General** concentration allows students to choose a minimum of 30 credit hours from interrelated programs that support their career aspirations.

The **Integrative Studies-Two Minors** concentration allows students to complete two university-recognized minors and/or certificates. A minimum of two academic departments in which to select courses are chosen and a rationale for the ways in which these courses support the student's career goals is developed.

Admission Requirements

Students, who wish to declare either the General or the Two Minors concentrations of the Integrative Studies major within the Bachelor of

Integrative Studies degree, must meet with a B.I.S. academic advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss their future academic and career goals and to develop an approved program of study. Ideally, students should begin the process for evaluation and program review at or near the time they have a minimum of 60 earned credit hours. In order to declare the Integrative Studies major within the Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree, the procedures listed below must be followed:

1. Visit or call the College Office, 105 Bowman Hall (Kent Campus), to arrange for an initial conference with a B.I.S. advisor (students on the regional campuses should contact their campus advising office for further information on this first step). This conference will include an evaluation of completed coursework and discussion of future academic and career goals. Working closely with an academic advisor, a program of study will be determined and reflected on the degree audit.
2. When the program of study is completed and approved by the College, the student and advisor complete a Change of Program form declaring either the Integrative Studies-General concentration or the Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentrations of the Integrative Studies major within the Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree. College approval of this form completes admission to the program.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	2.000

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies (B.I.S.) requires a minimum total of 120 earned credit hours. In addition, 42 of those 120 credit hours must be at the upper-division (30000-40000) Students in both the Integrative Studies-General concentration and the Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration are required to complete IGST 40099 Senior Project, as well as all University Requirements and College Requirements.