

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES - B.I.S.

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities
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About This Program

Customize your education with the Integrative Studies program. Our Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree allows you to design a curriculum tailored to your unique interests and career goals. With a flexible program structure that lets you combine courses from various disciplines, you'll gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that are highly valued in today's job market. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Ashtabula Campus
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Admission Requirements

Students who wish to declare either the General or the Two Minors concentration of the Integrative Studies degree must meet with a B.I.S. academic advisor to discuss their future academic and career goals and to develop an approved program of study. Students who have completed 30 credit hours may be admitted to the B.I.S. degree.

In order to pursue the Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree, the procedures listed below must be followed:

1. Schedule an initial conference with a B.I.S. advisor. During this conference, students will work with an academic advisor to evaluate

completed coursework, discuss future academic and career goals and determine a program of study that will be reflected on the degree audit. To schedule an appointment with an advisor in the B.I.S. program, email BIS@kent.edu. More information about the B.I.S. degree can be found on the school's website.

2. When the program of study is completed and approved, the student and advisor declare either the Integrative Studies-General concentration or the Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration. College approval of this form completes admission to the program.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
IGST 40099	SENIOR PROJECT (ELR) (WIC) ¹	1-3
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
	Kent Core Composition	6
	Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3
	Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)	9
	Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	6
	Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
	Kent Core Additional	6
	General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credits hour, including 39 upper-division credit hours) ²	0-52
Concentrations		
	Choose from the following:	30-82
	Integrative Studies-General ³	
	Integrative Studies-Two Minors ⁴	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- ¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ² Students are encouraged to complete internships or utilize individual investigations for more nuanced work; the total hours that can be completed in internship (xxx92) and/or individual investigation (xxx96) courses can not total more than 15 hours.
- ³ The Integrative Studies-General concentration allows students to choose a minimum of 30 credit hours from a minimum of two interrelated programs that support their career aspirations.
- ⁴ The Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration allows students to complete two university-recognized minors and/or certificates. Students select courses from a minimum of two academic departments and develop a rationale for the ways in which these courses support their career goals.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	2.000

- The B.I.S. degree requires a minimum total of 120 earned credit hours, of which 39 credit hours must be at the upper-division (30000-40000) level.
- Students in both the Integrative Studies-General concentration and the Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration are required to

complete IGST 40099, as well as all university requirements and college requirements.

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.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ 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 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

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 Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Integrate theoretical and empirical material from across traditional disciplines.
2. Design, research and execute a scholarly project of high quality.
3. Articulate connections between their chosen coursework at Kent State and their plans to make a contribution to their community after graduation.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree provides a path to degree completion utilizing an integrative approach while maintaining a focus on career and professional goals. Students consult with an advisor to research and develop a plan of study.

The Integrative Studies major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Integrative Studies-General** concentration allows students to choose a minimum of 30 credit hours from a minimum of two interrelated programs that support their career aspirations.
- The **Integrative Studies-Two Minors** concentration allows students to complete two university-recognized minors and/or certificates. Students select courses from a minimum of two academic departments and develop a rationale for the ways in which these courses support their career goals.

Students may apply early to the M.S. degree in Emerging Media and Technology and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree programs. See the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree Program ;policy in the University Catalog for more information.