

Interdisciplinary Studies

Degree Type

Associate in Science

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree is for students seeking to create a self-designed program to meet personal or career goals, complete course work to meet admission requirements for a desired program or wishing to matriculate while awaiting admission to competitive degree programs. The Interdisciplinary Studies experience provides students with an alternative to the existing programs available at Lakes Region Community College. The program provides flexibility by encouraging students to select courses from multiple academic disciplines and allows students design their own educational path. Students in this program are required to consult with an academic advisor to gain approval of their degree plan.

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree offers two options:

Option One: Students selecting this option will work with their academic advisor to create an area of concentration consisting of thirty-six credits. Within the area of concentration, students must earn at least eight (8) credits in 200-level courses. Students awaiting admission to the Nursing program can utilize this option to fulfill admission pre-requisites and/or general education requirements.

Option Two: Students may work with an academic advisor to determine a path with more than one area of focus. This option is for those exploring different career paths as they are undecided on one program. Students will work with their academic advisor to develop an area of interest, which may result in transfer to an established degree program; however, successful completion of an approved exploration can result in the awarding of this degree. Students are required to earn a least eight (8) credits in 200- level courses to earn this degree.

Students are strongly advised to select option one to improve employment opportunities. Since this program allows for exploration of options, it is imperative students formulate and identify their own career and/or transfer goals with the assistance of an assigned academic advisor upon admission. All college policies, including residence credits, apply to this degree.

Students who complete the program will:

- Demonstrate leadership, integrity, responsibility, perseverance, tolerance, and productive teamwork.
- Evaluate information, thoughts, opinions, and ideas rationally, objectively, and consistently.
- Demonstrate scientific thought both quantitatively and qualitatively, recognizing and formulating questions and offering solutions to problems related to science and scientific investigation.
- Perform operations and skill sets related to the personal and professional requirements of the student's desired program goal.

First Year

Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL100L	English Composition	4
INDL100L	College Essentials	1
CIS133L	Introduction to Information Technology	3
SOSC121L	Ethnography of Work	3
	Program Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	14

Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	English Elective	3
	Mathematics Elective (3 credits)	3
	Program Electives (9 Credits)	9
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Second Year

Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Humanities/Fine Arts/Foreign Language Elective	3
	Science Elective (4 credits)	4
	Program Electives (9 Credits)	9
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	IDS290L OR IDS291L	3
	Program Electives (12 Credits)	12
	Sub-Total Credits	15
	Total Credits	60