

## **FACULTY AGENDA ITEM**

Date: 3/18/2024

Submitted by: Maria Stover, x. 1802

Subject: New Multidisciplinary Studies, Minor

Description: A minor in Multidisciplinary Studies enables students to discover and apply ways of knowing encountered outside of the major discipline, to enhance educational experiences and develop critical skills in multidisciplinary ways, to experience and practice new ways of thinking, to grow as individuals, and to engage as global citizens over the course of a lifetime.

Rationale: To provide students with practice in ways of knowing, thinking, connecting, understanding common themes of the human experience, and communicating across multiple disciplines. This minor provides students flexibility to take courses across multiple fields that will help them learn skills to support their specific career path.

Financial Implications: None indicated.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

Request for Action: Approval by AAC/FS/ Gen Fac/WUBOR

Approved by: AAC on 3/18/2024

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments: **Yes X** No **\_**

New Program Proposal

Date Submitted: 02/14/24 10:56 am

Viewing: : **Multidisciplinary Studies, Minor**

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Changes proposed by: Maria Stover (maria.stover)

Catalog Pages Using  
this Program

[Multidisciplinary Studies, Minor](#)

In Workflow

- 1. AA Committee
- 2. Faculty Senate
- 3. General Faculty
- 4. WUBOR
- 5. Final Acad Ops
- 6. Registrar

Approval Path

- 1. 03/19/24 9:02 am  
Holly Broxterman  
(holly.broxterman):  
Approved for AA  
Committee

General Information

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Effective Catalog Edition                           | 2024-2025   |
| Department  | College of Arts and Sciences                        |
| College   | College of Arts and Sciences                        |
| Division  |   |
| Degree Level  | Undergraduate                                       |
| Program Title                                       | Multidisciplinary Studies, Minor                    |
| Degree to be Offered                                | Minor (MINOR)                                       |
| Is this program offered completely online?          | No  |
| Does this program lead to a teaching certification? | No  |
| Program Code  |   |
| Is this program an interdisciplinary program?       | No  |
| CIP Code  | 300000 - Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General. |
| Modality  |   |

New Program Header

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| Statement of Justification/Rationale for Offering the Program | To provide students with practice in ways of knowing, thinking, connecting, understanding common themes of the human experience, and communicating across multiple disciplines. This minor provides students flexibility to take courses across multiple fields that will help them learn skills to support their specific career path. |
| Program Demand  | This minor provides students flexibility to take courses across multiple fields that will help them learn skills to support their specific career path.   |

Projected Enrollment for the Initial Three Years of the Program

Implementation

Year 2

|                              |   |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Full-Time Headcount Per Year | - | Part-Time Headcount Per Year | - |
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|                     |   |                      |   |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Full-Time Sem       | - | Part-Time Sem Credit | - |
| Credit Hrs Per Year |   | Hrs Per Year         |   |

### Year 3

|                    |   |                     |   |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Full-Time          | - | Part-Time Headcount | - |
| Headcount Per Year |   | Per Year            |   |

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|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Full-Time Sem       | - | Part-Time Sem Credit | - |
| Credit Hrs Per Year |   | Hrs Per Year         |   |

## Employment

Employment  
Opportunity  
Information

## Admission and Curriculum

Admission Criteria

Total Number of           15  
Semester Credit  
Hours for the  
Degree  
  
Curriculum

This minor requires a minimum of 15 credit hours, consisting of at least 3 credit hours from each of the following areas, historically defined as core foundational areas of knowledge and study: (1) Humanities; (2) Creative and Performing Arts; (3) Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Statistics; and (4) Social Sciences. A list of disciplines in each area follows. No more than 3 hours should be taken in one discipline. A minimum of 6 hours will be at the upper division level. Students must have a grade of “C” or better in each course. A minimum of six hours used to meet the minor requirements must be earned in residence at Washburn University. Students may include courses designated as General Education. However, they may not count courses for both general education and this minor. Students may request alternate coursework be accepted toward the minor. Students should make these requests prior to completing coursework.

**Disciplinary Areas:**

**Humanities**

Communication  
English  
History  
Honors Humanities-designated courses  
Mass Media  
Modern Languages  
Philosophy  
Religion

**Creative and Performing Arts**

Art  
Music  
Theatre

**Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Statistics**

Astronomy  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Information Science  
Geology  
Honors Natural Science-designated courses  
Mathematics  
Physics

**Social Sciences**

Anthropology  
Economics  
Geography  
Honors Social Science-designated courses  
Kansas Studies  
Kinesiology  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology

Pathway

Faculty Workload Analysis

Faculty Workload Analysis (describe how the course offering schedule and anticipated enrollments correlate to faculty lines)

Supplemental Files [Interdisciplinary Minor Division Vote.pdf](#)

Reviewer  
Comments

**Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (02/20/24 11:54 am):** To streamline division voting process and to meet governance deadlines (unable to run parallel voting in CourseLeaf), Maria Stover coordinated the process via paper. Attached are the division voting results - all divisions have voted to approve.

**Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (03/07/24 9:22 am):** 3/7/2024 - Approved in CFCCC, CFC and 3/5/24 CAS Meeting via paper process. Approved by Dr. Erby to move to AAC queue for 3/18 AAC meeting.

**Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (03/19/24 9:02 am):** Approved in 3/18/24 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting.