



### About The Degree



When you earn an interdisciplinary degree, you have the opportunity to make your education what you want it to be. Some students want to specialize in a certain area of study applicable to their current job or personal learning goals. Others want to make use of their previous college credits in order to finish their degree and get promoted in their careers.

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### Show Me the Money!

The Chicago Tribune reports that college graduates earn on average 75% more money than those with only a high school degree, per *The Chicago Tribune!*

(NACE 2018 Salary Report)  
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# Interdisciplinary Studies



The Interdisciplinary Studies Degree meets many employers' requirements for hiring or promotion and can also provide the foundation for admission to graduate school. In addition, students should tailor their IDS core requirement assignments and other course work to address particular career and personal learning goals including specialization in particular content areas.

## > Program Eligibility Requirements

Any student 21 years or older who has completed at least 60 hours of college credit is eligible for program admission.

## > ECU Graduation Requirements

IDS students must meet the same general education and other requirements for graduation as all other undergraduates, including completing:

- 60 hours at a senior college
- 30 hours at ECU
- 40 hours upper level course work
- 124 hours total with a minimum 2.0 grade point average

## > Procedure for Admission to the Program

Students who have not been admitted to ECU previously should begin that process in the Office of Admissions and Records where they will be assigned an advisor. All ECU students wanting to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies should contact the Interdisciplinary Studies program director, Dr. Shirley Mixon at 580-559-5279, smixon@ecok.edu or visit Faust Hall Room 160. With the assistance of the program director, an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) will be developed. The ILP defines the course work to be applied to the IDS major. After the Individual Learning Plan is approved, it will be submitted to the Records Office by the Program director and will become your official plan leading to graduation with a bachelor of arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.



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### Campus Tours:

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 Begin at ECU Admin, 102  
 580-559-5628  
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› Getting Started



## Requirements for the IDS Major

The IDS major requires 45 hours of which 27 must be upper division. The IDS core courses are the only required courses (see list below). Each is available online. Additional course work may be required to meet objectives defined by the student or to meet state requirements for graduation. IDS students work with their advisor to select another 33 hours of course work which may include either new course work or credits completed previously. In most cases, students will be able to count all course work previously completed at accredited universities and colleges. Exceptions may occur when a student has completed a large number of hours without addressing the requirements defined above. No minor is required.

## IDS Core Course Descriptions

**IDS 3113 Interdisciplinary Studies – 3 hours:** An introduction to the theory and practice of interdisciplinary study and adult learning theory, with the emphasis on the student’s academic and career goals.

**IDS 3123 Professional Field Experience I – 3 hours:** Prerequisite IDS 3113 This course is an introduction to the student’s academic and/or career goal area and will provide the student with practical learning experience. The course will include an internship or practicum, or an independent learning project which encompasses work projects or learning outside the student’s current work assignment.

**IDS 4123 Professional Field Experience II – 3 hours:** Prerequisite IDS 3123. Advanced study in the student’s academic and/or career goal area providing the student with a practical learning experience. This course will include an internship or practicum, or an independent learning project that encompasses work projects or learning outside the student’s current work assignment.

**IDS 4723 Senior Project – 3 hours:** Prerequisite IDS 4123. This is the capstone course for the Interdisciplinary Studies major. The student will complete an interdisciplinary study project integrating his or her course work and professional field experience with his or her professional and/or occupational interests.

## The Interdisciplinary Studies Degree

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree is a flexible degree that allows students to use many courses that have already been completed and to add additional courses that relate to the student’s ultimate career goal. All students are required to complete four core courses, but can define additional courses unique to their personal and/or professional goals. This could include entry into graduate degree programs. Upon completion of the IDS program, students will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree. With proper planning, the degree will allow graduates to pursue advanced degrees in a variety of programs

We Are  
**ECU**



### Interdisciplinary Studies

**Dean:** Dr. Kate Lang  
**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**  
**Assistant Dean:** Dr. Sarah Peters  
**Director:** Dr. Shirley Mixon  
**Degree:** B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies  
**Location:** 160 Faust Hall



### ECU at a Glance

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 3,500+  
**Undergraduate Majors:** 70+  
**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 18 to 1  
**Average Class Size:** 22  
**Faculty with PhDs:** 65%  
**States Represented:** 28  
**Countries Represented:** 30+  
**Year Founded:** 1909  
**Campus Size:** 140 Acres  
**Area Location:** Ada, Oklahoma



### Tiger Spirit

**Mascot:** Roary the Tiger  
**School Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Student Organizations:** 60+  
**Athletics:** NCAA Division II

<b>Men's:</b>	Football Baseball Basketball	Cross Country Track & field
<b>Women's:</b>	Basketball Volleyball Softball	Soccer Cross Country Track & field

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