

FACT

The difference in earnings between persons with some college education but no bachelor's degree and those who have completed a four-year degree has grown to about 37 percent for men and 41 percent for women.

Source: "Education Pays," 2006 edition, The College Board

Increased Opportunity

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies provides unique opportunities for both traditional and non-traditional students. This degree is ideal if you need flexibility to meet your educational needs. It offers students academic variety, course schedule flexibility, and program adaptability.

Educational Choice

You may choose to go part-time or full-time as your schedule demands. In Interdisciplinary Studies, you are encouraged to choose from 36 minors and seven certificates. The "build your own" characteristic of the degree program enables you to tailor coursework to meet your specific vocational and career goals.

Maximum Flexibility

Prior life experience may also translate into college credit in the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program. Proficiency exams, military service, and a prior learning experience portfolio may be applied toward college credit and used to accelerate your degree completion. GSU also offers online and media-based educational opportunities. Students enrolled in distance learning classes pay Illinois in-state tuition, no matter where they live.

Major Benefits

Your degree will translate into expanded employment opportunities, job security, and increased income. The Interdisciplinary Studies degree fits your busy lifestyle and promising future.

For more information:

www.govst.edu/IDSS
708.534.4092



Admission Requirements

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program requires that students have 60 hours of college credit and be in good academic standing for admission or at least 45 credit hours and good academic standing for conditional admission to the program pending completion of additional credit hours by portfolio, competency exams, or dual enrollment. Students who have earned their first bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution are not eligible for admission to this program.

Official transcripts for military experience, proficiency test results, and ACE (American Council on Education) certified training credits should be sent directly to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. Contact the program advisors at 708.534.4092 or idss@govst.edu for more information about the program.

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree. A minimum of 40 hours must be taken at the upper-division level; up to 80 credit hours in lower division courses can be transferred to GSU. The residency requirement for the university requires a minimum of 24 hours be taken as courses offered by GSU.

General Education Requirements (37-41 Hours)

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements for general education requirements. While these are usually taken at the lower-division level, they can also be completed at the upper-division level.

Required Courses (15 Hours)

The following courses must be completed with a "C" or better:

IDSS - 3100 Perspectives Interdisciplinary Studies (3)

IDSS - 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Appraisal (3)

Interdisciplinary Requirement (6)

(Students must take upper division courses in at least two different disciplines.)

Technology Intensive Course (3)

(This course can be taken at either the lower division or the upper division level.)

Electives (64-68)

Students may not exceed a maximum of 80 hours of lower-division credit between Sections General Education Requirements, Required Courses, and Electives. Students must complete a minimum of 28 hours of upper-division hours, if Section General Education Requirements is complete through course work taken at the lower-division level.

Total - 120 Hours

