Bachelor or Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies (300105BAT)

The Multidisciplinary Studies program is a self-designed major, allowing the student to examine traditional disciplines from diverse points of view and to plan a program of study targeted to his/her specific needs and interests. This program also serves students who desire to bring closure to their education when they have accumulated hours in varied areas without clear progress to a specific major or those who have divergent interests that cannot be accommodated in a traditional degree program.

Requirements

### Summary

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* Bachelor’s degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.

### General Education Courses

Students pursuing a bachelor’s degree must complete three tiers of General Education coursework. Tiers I and II provide students with foundational skills and breadth of disciplinary knowledge. Tier III courses require students to integrate knowledge, understand diverse perspectives, and think critically about complex issues. Courses tagged for Tier III may also fulfill major or Disciplinary Area requirements.

#### Tier I: Academic Foundations

- **Quantitative Reasoning:** 3 credit hours
- **Speaking:** 3 credit hours
- **Writing:** 6 credit hours

#### Tier II: Disciplinary Areas

- **Arts/Humanities:** 9 credit hours
- **Natural Sciences:** 7 credit hours
- **Social Sciences:** 6 credit hours

#### Tier III: Tagged Courses

Select one class from each of the following subcategories:

- **Complex Systems**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Domestic Diversity**
- **Global Diversity**

**Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.**

**Total Hours**

34

### Foreign Culture and College Requirements

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<td>A minimum of 6 credits of course work in foreign culture. Students may complete coursework in foreign language or sign language, courses focusing on a foreign culture (e.g., History of Mexico, Latin American Politics, etc.) or culture courses completed during a Study Abroad experience. Courses shall be selected by the student with approval of the Associate Dean. Note, courses used to meet General Education requirements (i.e. Global Diversity) will not also be counted towards the 6 credits of course work in foreign culture requirement. Students must also complete a minimum of 40 credits (excluding workshops) consisting of either: Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside of the student’s major; or other courses outside the major department approved by the student’s major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment); these may not include workshops.</td>
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**Total Hours**

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Select one of the following tracks:

#### Track 1

1. **Primary area of focus**
   - Select 21 hours in one BCAS program area
2. **Secondary area of focus**
   - Select 15 to 18 hours in another area (may be a mixed or non-BCAS area)
3. **Tertiary area of focus**
   - Select 15 to 18 hours in another area (may be a mixed area)

**Total Hours**

54

1. A minimum of 9 upper level (300/400) credit hours are required in two of the three concentration areas. Two of the three concentration areas (including the primary area) must be within the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.

#### Track 2

1. **Primary area of focus**
   - Select 30 hours in one BCAS program area
2. **Secondary area of focus**
   - Select 24 hours in another area (may be a mixed or non-BCAS area)

**Total Hours**

54

2. A minimum of 9 upper level (300/400) credit hours are required in each concentration area.

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2. A minimum of 9 upper level (300/400) credit hours are required in each concentration area.

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