Interdisciplinary Studies- BIS THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FALL 2025-SPRING 2026

Accelerated Online Program 120 Credits Total 30-45 Credits in Major

ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DEGREE:

This degree offers students who have completed 45 or more credits the opportunity to join the BIS program in General Studies and complete the remaining requirements for their undergraduate degree completely online.

STEP 1:

Major Requirements:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
BIS 199		3	
BIS 399		3	
WRT 227		3	

Complete an additional nine courses from any of the following elective areas:

Effective Communication- COM 302, COM 310, COM 322, COM 361, COM 422, COM 441

Strategic Thinking- COM 310, COM 383, COM 414, COM 422, HDF 318G*, NUR 383

Ethics and Leadership- COM 310, COM 361, COM 460, COM 477, GWS 325G*, HLT 313, THE 338G*

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Admission Requirements:

Eligible students will transfer in a minimum of 45 credits with a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average.

This program is open to students in the Finish What You Started Program (FWYS).

30 credits at the 300-level or higher (major and general education courses may fulfill this

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

Free elective credits

(to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

^{*}Course approved for general education credit

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GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

STEP 2:

Gener	ral Educa	tio	n Credit Coun	ıt
At least 40 cr	edits, no m		than 12 credits se code.	with the
Course	Cr.		Course	Cr.
			Total Gen Ed credits	40

General Education Outcome	- Audit
General Education Outcome	Course
KNOWLEDGE	
A1. STEM	
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
COMPETENCIES	
B1. Write effectively	
B2. Communicate effectively	
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or	
computational strategies	
B4. Information literacy	
RESPONSIBILITIES	
C1. Civic knowledge &	
responsibilities	
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and Inclusion	
INTEGRATE & APPLY	1
D1. Ability to synthesize	
GRAND CHALLENGE	
G. Check that at least one course of	
your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	
Course	

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.