

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES B.A.

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The Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies at the University of Montana is intended for students seeking to complete a flexible Bachelor's degree with coursework from departments across the university, providing each student an opportunity to reach beyond disciplinary boundaries and to create a degree program that is tailored to meet their unique education and career goals. The multidisciplinary nature of the program is designed to develop students' ability to combine different fields into a structured format and is meant to encourage and support creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and integrative and experiential learning.

As part of the curriculum, students must develop a degree plan tailored to their academic and professional goals. Students will initially meet with an academic advisor from the College of Humanities & Sciences Advising Center who will assist the student in developing a proposed degree plan curriculum which must satisfy each of the following requirements:

- Earn at least 120 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- A minimum of 30 credits must be earned from the University of Montana-Missoula
- Satisfy the University of Montana General Education requirements
  - The University of Montana will accept transfer students with completed AA or AS degrees from other regionally accredited institutions as having fulfilled their UM general education requirements.
- Complete a Multidisciplinary Studies Track, including a minimum of 39 upper division credits which satisfies the following:
  - The Track represents a cohesive set of courses from at least two different academic disciplines, with:
    - at least 15 upper division credits in one of these disciplines;
    - at least 3 of the upper division credits in a senior level capstone experience to be determined in consultation with an academic advisor (i.e. capstone, internship, applied research project, thesis, etc.)
- The Track must be approved through one of the following:
  - A committee of at least 3 faculty representatives from the academic disciplines integrated into the Track;
  - OR: A pre-approved Multidisciplinary Studies Track that has been developed in consultation with faculty from multiple disciplines, and approved by the Dean of the College of Humanities & Sciences.
- A grade of "C-" or higher must be earned in all courses in the Track.