## Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows students to combine courses from the university curriculum with associate degrees from Michigan community colleges. The **three-plus-one** program provides for transfer **up to 88 semester credits** from accredited two-year community colleges in Michigan. The program requires that courses accepted for transfer must have a grade of C- or above and that all coursework has been taken at accredited institutions. Certain developmental courses may be subject to individual evaluation. Students with **associate degrees in any area** may qualify for the Integrative Studies program: with an associate's degree, courses that do not typically transfer to OU will be included in your overall transferable credit.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program is a degree that allows students to design a **customized plan of study** that is directly related to their career and educational goals. The degree is transfer-friendly as it can apply most transferable credits allowing students to maximize their past coursework by integrating it with their coursework at OU.

**TRANSFERRING WITH THE MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT (MTA):**
When choosing to complete MTA to satisfy General Education, please confirm the best courses to take to fulfill the agreement with your academic adviser at WC3 or at the Wayne County Community College MTA Approved Courses website. Oakland University will always honor the **MACRAO transfer agreement** and apply it to the General Education requirement the same as MTA. In order to completely satisfy OU's transferable General Education requirements while completing MTA, please reference the Wayne County Community College General Education Transfer Guide and select one course from OU's *Knowledge Applications* category.

> **Course requirements for MTA (minimum 30 credit hours required):**
> (ENG 119 or 1190) **and** ENG 120 (required prerequisite for coursework at OU)
> One MTA Approved Math course
> Two MTA Approved Natural Sciences courses
> Two MTA Approved Social Sciences courses
> Two MTA Approved Humanities courses

**TRANSFERRING WITHOUT MTA:**
If you intend to transfer without MTA, you can choose to complete additional coursework to fulfill OU's individual General Education categories instead. Please reference the Wayne County Community College General Education Transfer Guide for the Wayne courses that satisfy **all** of the specific OU General Education categories.

**NOTES:**

The Interdisciplinary Studies major also offers Law School Partnerships with Wayne State University Law School and Detroit Mercy Law. Students may double count their first 30 credits from Law School as their last 30 credits at Oakland University to complete their bachelor's degree and law degree in six years. Admission to Wayne or Detroit Mercy Law is not guaranteed: read more about pre-law studies at OU!

A focus area option for BIS students is to prepare for the **Accelerated Second Degree (ASD) Nursing program**. Student's complete all prerequisites required for the ASD program along with approved integrative coursework.

Other focus area options may include (but are not limited to) **self-designed interdisciplinary programs** with focuses in business leadership/communication, entrepreneurship, public health administration, creative design/writing, broadcasting, IT/cybersecurity, public service, pre-professional programs, etc. The opportunities are endless with Interdisciplinary Studies!

Students may also choose this program to **prepare for graduate school** by completing required prerequisites along with other coursework to prepare for the next step in their education.

**Please contact the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at bis@oakland.edu or 248-370-3229 for more information regarding the program, or visit their website.**