The Bachelor of Integrated Studies requirements are based on the assumption that the depth of experience component of a baccalaureate degree may be adequately provided by utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach. In particular, those students who do not plan to seek post-baccalaureate education in a specific field still might benefit greatly from a relatively brief exposure to fundamental aspects of selected disciplines relevant to their personal interests, goals, aspirations, or career path, despite never completing the full set of major requirements in a discipline. To meet the depth of experience component of the degree requirements, the student designs and submits for approval an Individualized Study Program (ISP). This ISP is formulated by selecting courses from two (or more) Emphasis Areas or by selecting courses which are consistent with a specific focus, theme, or unifying conceptual principle—the Thematic Focus.
Integrated Studies Advisory Committee

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College of Arts and Sciences

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   Natural Science and Mathematics Division

To Be Appointed
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David Pownell, Associate Professor, Education
   Education/Kinesiology Division

Kelly Watt, Assistant Professor, Art
   Creative and Performing Arts Division

Corey Zwikstra, Assistant Professor, English
   Humanities Division
Bachelor of Integrated Studies
Application Process

The steps in the application procedure are enumerated below. We developed these directions to help simplify the application process but not to replace meetings with an advisor. Following the steps outlined below will help make your advising sessions more productive.

1. Obtain a copy of the current Washburn University catalog.

2. Review the information about the BIS Degree. If you have questions about the structure of the degree, make an appointment with Dr. Bruce Mactavish by contacting Toni Lewis, toni.lewis@washburn.edu or (785) 670-1636.

3. Make a preliminary decision about which degree plan you want to pursue: thematic Focus area or emphasis area. If you choose one of the established emphasis area plans under the PLAN 2+2 program, you will agree to complete the courses approved in the particular emphasis areas. If you are going to pursue the thematic focus or develop your own unique emphasis areas, you will need to meet with a member of the BIS advisory committee to develop an Individualized Study Plan (ISP). The committee has members representing each division within the College of Arts and Sciences. Your initial advisor will be from the division that is most closely aligned with your thematic focus or chosen emphases. For example, if your proposed thematic focus is diversity studies with courses in history, sociology, anthropology, and political science forming the core, your advisor would be from the social sciences. If your proposed emphasis areas deal with Theatre and English, your advisor would be from the humanities or the creative and performing arts.

4. Develop a draft of your ISP (courses from the ISP must be selected from the course listings found in the University catalog) and rationale. Submit this draft to: Toni Lewis, College of Arts and Sciences, MO 108. You may deliver a paper copy of your draft to the office or send an electronic copy to toni.lewis@washburn.edu (the subject line should be: ISP draft). This will be given to Dr. Mactavish so that he can review the draft, determine the most appropriate initial advisor, and forward your proposal to your advisor.

5. After receiving Dr. Mactavish’s recommendation of an advisor, schedule an appointment with the advisor to discuss your ISP. The goal of this meeting and any necessary follow up meetings should be an ISP that your advisor is willing to approve. The advisor's signature on the finalized ISP form shows approval of the plan.

6. Submit a final version of your application to the CAS office. This should include: (1) the cover sheet with biographical and current academic information, (2) your rationale for your ISP, and (3) the ISP with advisor signature. Your final version should be typed and not handwritten.

7. The entire advisory committee must approve the ISP. Once the committee has approved your ISP, this constitutes the "major" part of your degree program. Any changes or substitutions will only be considered with the prior approval of your advisor. You will be notified when your ISP has been approved. At that time you will meet with Dr. Mactavish to complete the formal declaration process.
Summary of BIS Requirements

University Requirements Summary
A minimum of: 124 total hours; 84 graded; and 45 at the 300-400 level
6 hours EN Composition grade "C" or better (including EN300)
PE 198 (2 hours) Lifetime Wellness
3 hours Math (MA 110 or MA 116, grade "C" or better) or competence
Cumulative GPA at least 2.0
At least 30 hours earned in residence at Washburn, including 20 of the last 30, or
40 of the last 60 presented for the degree

General Education Requirements
12 hours Sciences, Math and Statistics including:
At least two disciplines other than mathematics; and
Maximum of 6 hours from any discipline
15 hours Humanities and Arts, including:
At least 3 hours from Art, Music, or Theatre; and
Maximum of 6 hours from any discipline
15 hours Social Sciences (Maximum 6 hours from any discipline)

Additional general requirements:
All requirements (except foreign language) for the Bachelor of Arts degree, including a
minimum of 99 hours of College of Arts and Sciences courses;
ISAC approval of ISP one year before intended graduation (exceptions by appeal only);
application for the BIS degree would require writing a short rationale for the
proposed ISP;
Grade of "C" or better required for designated courses in ISP;
ISP consists of at least graded 36 hours, including 12 hours 300-400 level courses and a
capstone experience (IS 390 or substitute approved by ISAC);
The first 36 hours of the ISP may not be applied to the 84 hour "non-major" requirement;
and
Courses applied to the General Education distribution requirements may not also be
utilized to meet ISP requirements.

Thematic Approach
Illustrative Sample Programs

Attached are examples of the kinds of programs that the ISAC would be likely to approve. They are
attached for illustrative purposes only, and represent neither an exhaustive, nor a required set of ISPs,
and would have to be examined and approved by the ISAC.

Sample Program Based on Thematic Focus:
Deviance

AN313 Religion, Magic and Witchcraft (3)
EN378 Fantasy (3)
HI344 The Holocaust (3)
PH115 Philosophy of Love and Sex (3)
P0210 Political Corruption in America (3)
PY231 Abnormal Psychology (3)
PY338 Childhood Psychopathology (3)
S0205 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
S0305 Criminology (3)
S0309 Sociology of Deviance (3)
S0316 Sociology of Addictions (3)
IS390 Capstone Experience (3)

ISP Total 36 hours (includes 24 hours U.D.)

Sample Program Based on Thematic Focus: American Studies

S0101 American Social Problems (3)
S0338 Adv. Social Problems (3)
AR308 American Art (3)
EN330 American Literature (3)
EN331 American Literature (3)
MU126 American Popular Music (3)
P0211 American Political Parties (3)
P0338 Contemporary American Politics (3)
HI315 Women in U.S. History (3)
HI328 African American History (3)
PH105 Ethics in America (3)
PY381 History & Psychology of Sex and Gender (2)
IS390 Capstone Experience (3)

ISP Total 38 hours (includes 26 hours U.D.)
Additional foreign language study and international study
Sample Program Based on Thematic Focus: **International Studies**

15 Hours of one foreign language
CN 363 Intercultural Communication (3)
PO 225 International Politics (3)
**BU 466** International Marketing (3)
BU 410 International Economics (3)
HI 334 Twentieth Century Europe (3)
HI 354 Middle East (3)
HI 357 China (3)
HI 360 Mexico (3)
Or
HI 362 Latin America (3)
IS 390 Capstone (3)

ISP Total 36 Credits (minimum 18 hours U.D.)

Electives - Recommended:
SO 207 Race and Ethnic Group Relations (3)
SO 301 World Populations (3)
RG 102 World Religions (3)

Sample Program Based on Thematic Focus: **Biological Chemistry**

MA 141 Applied Calculus I (3)
MA 142 Applied Calculus II (3)
MA 343 Applied Statistics (3)
CH 151 General Chemistry I (5)
CH 152 General Chemistry II (5)
CH 340 Organic Chemistry (3)
CH 350 Biochemistry I (3)
CH 380 Fundamentals of Physical Chemistry (3)
BI 102 General Cellular Biology (5)
BI 301 General Microbiology (4)
BI 353 Molecular Genetics (3)
PS 261 College Physics (5)
IS 390 Capstone (3)

ISP Total 48 hours (including 22 hours U.D.)
Emphasis Approach
Two or More Emphases

Included are examples of potential emphases which could be logically combined, and, therefore, potentially acceptable to the ISAC based on the chosen coursework in each discipline. These emphasis combinations represent neither an exhaustive, nor a required set of emphasis combinations, and the suggested coursework for any emphasis combination would have to be examined and approved by the ISAC.

Potential Emphasis Combinations:

- Computer Information Sciences/Fundamental Business
- Communication/Human Services
- Psychology/Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
- Computer Information Sciences/Photography and Electronic Media
- Computer Information Sciences/Business/Art
- Mass Media/Fundamental Business
- Communication/Psychology
- Fundamental Business/Communication
- Psychology/Physical Education
- Chemistry/Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
- Biology/Psychology
- English/Theatre/Music
- Art/Mass Media/Fundamental Business
- Philosophy/Biology
- Sociology/History
- International Studies/Fundamental Business
- Human Services/Sociology
- Political Science/Communication
- English/History/Art
- Biology/Chemistry
- Physics/Criminal Justice Law Enforcement

PLAN 2+2 Program

The Partnership for Learning & Networking (PLAN 2+2) program is a cooperative effort between many of the Kansas community colleges and Washburn University which offers participating students the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree. Classes consist of "flexible" media format including ISDN video conferencing, CD-ROMs, website integration, textbooks, and video tapes that allow for flexible learning times. The following pre-approved emphasis programs are available under the PLAN 2+2 program: Liberal Arts Emphasis, Communication Management Emphasis, and Administrative Communication Emphasis. For information about the 2+2 PLAN program call Washburn University at 1-800-332-0291 or visit our website, www.washburn.edu.
APPLICATION FORM

Applicant’s Name
Student Number
Current Address
Telephone Number
E-Mail Address
Your Start Date at Washburn
Hours Completed Using Academic Year Catalog
Proposed Emphasis Areas
Proposed Thematic Focus

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Individualized Study Program Rationale

This narrative should describe the philosophical underpinnings of your proposed ISP. You should document your reasons for pursuing the Bachelor of Integrated Studies and present your justification of the program of study you are proposing. This essay should be comprehensive but concise.

Completed by Advisor:
University Requirements Completed: EN101 MA MA/NS SS CPA
Degree Audit Requested (date):

Submit completed application to the Dean's Office, College of Arts & Sciences Office, 0108.
The Individualized Study Program must be reviewed by a member of the Integrated Studies Advisory Committee prior to submission of the application. The reviewer should be from the division in which the majority of the course work is to be completed. If the applicant has questions about the appropriate reviewer, the Chair of the committee will make a recommendation. Reviewer’s signature acknowledges acceptance of both content and degree plan.

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Reviewer: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Evaluation:  

- [ ] Accept ISP  
- [ ] Accept ISP with modifications  
- [ ] Reject ISP

Comments: ___________________________