

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Administered by the College of Arts and Sciences in collaboration with the School of Education.

The Multidisciplinary Studies major is designed to provide future elementary and middle school teachers with a sound academic foundation in the Humanities, Science, Mathematics, and Social Sciences, joined with preparation in Reading and Pedagogy. Drawing on a rich tradition of interdisciplinary study, the primary objective of the program is to provide future teachers with the academic knowledge and pedagogical competency to become effective classroom educators.

The Multidisciplinary Studies degree features three tracks: Grades EC-6 teacher certification, Grades 4-8 teacher certification, and a General Studies track for students who are not seeking certification.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum total credits required for a BA in Multidisciplinary Studies is 121.

General Education

44 credit hours

Complete the General Education Requirements stated in this catalog. In meeting these requirements, Multidisciplinary Studies majors should include MATH 1314 or above and MATH 1350.

Computer Use

Multidisciplinary Studies majors will demonstrate a basic use of computing through completion of at least one online course.

Major Foundation Courses

35 credit hours

ENGL or SPAN (two courses; 2000-level or higher)
HIST (2000-level or higher; HIST 3350 recommended)
GEOG 1301 or 1302 or 1303
ARTS 3300 or EDUC 4362 or ENGL 3306 or PSYC 3311 or SPAN 3378
PSYC 3341 (or equivalent)
CHLD 3352 (or equivalent)
Science with lab (two courses)¹
MATH 2350
PSYC 3301 (or other statistics or math course)

¹ Among these science courses and those taken to fulfill the general education requirements, it is recommended that a course be included from Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

Major Concentration Courses (select one area)

42-45 credit hours

EC-6 Generalist

Electives: 3 hours
Early Childhood: CHLD 4311, 4314
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322, 4313, 4317, 4324, 4325, 4327
Pedagogy: EDUC 4312, 4372, 4373, 4680, 4099

EC-6 Bilingual Generalist

Early Childhood: CHLD 4311, 4329
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322, 4313, 4317, 4315, 4325, 4327
Pedagogy: EDUC 4312, 4363, 4372, 4373, 4681, 4099

EC-6 Generalist with ESL

Early Childhood: CHLD 4311, 4329
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322, 4313, 4317, 4324, 4325, 4327
Pedagogy: EDUC 4312, 4336, 4372, 4373, 4687, 4099

EC-6 Generalist with Special Education

Early Childhood: CHLD 4311, 4314
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322, 4313, 4317, 4324, 4325, 4327
Special Populations: EDUC 4352, 4353, 4354, 4355, 4356
Pedagogy: EDUC 4312, 4372, 4373, 4680, 4099

4-8 Generalist

Electives: 15 hours. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4325, 4326, 4327
Pedagogy: EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4374, 4375, 4682, 4099

4-8 Bilingual Generalist

Electives: 9 hours. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4329, 4315, 4325, 4327
Pedagogy: EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4316, 4374, 4375, 4684, 4099

4-8 Generalist with ESL

Electives: 6 hours. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4329, 4325, 4326, 4327, 4336
Pedagogy: EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4316, 4374, 4375, 4688, 4099

4-8 Generalist with Special Education

Electives: 6 hours. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.
Reading/Literacy: EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4325, 4326, 4327
Special Populations: EDUC 4352, 4353, 4354, 4355, 4356
Pedagogy: EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4374, 4375, 4682, 4099

General Studies (no certification)

Language Arts: 9 upper-level hours selected from COMM, DRAM, ENGL, SPAN
Social Studies: 9 upper-level hours selected from HIST, PLSC, PSYC, SOCI
Sciences: 6 upper-level hours selected from BIOL, CHEM, ENSC, GEOL, NTSC, PHYS
Emphasis Area: 18 hours in one specific area or discipline. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.

Restricted Courses

Most upper-level courses have prerequisite courses. Before enrolling in an upper-level course in any discipline, students should check the catalog to ensure that they have completed the prerequisites listed for that course.

Enrollment in the following courses is restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program: EDUC 4312, 4315, 4316, 4317, 4321, 4322, 4324, 4325, 4326, 4327, 4333, 4334, 4336, 4363, 4370, 4371, 4372, 4373, 4374, 4375, 4376, 4377, 4378.

Enrollment in the following courses is restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into Student Teaching: EDUC 4099, 4379, 4381, 4387, 4388, 4679, 4680, 4681, 4682, 4683, 4684, 4685, 4686, 4687, 4688.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

EC-6 Generalist

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- ___ ___ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- ___ ___ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- ___ ___ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- ___ ___ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- ___ ___ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- ___ ___ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- ___ ___ Speech Communication (1 course)
- ___ ___ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- ___ ___ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

NOTES ON GRADUATING

1. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all requirements for the degree.
2. Complete at least 121 semester credit hours for the degree. At least 48 hours must be at the junior/senior level, and at least 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- ___ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- ___ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- ___ EDUC 3322
- ___ EDUC 4313
- ___ EDUC 4324*
- ___ EDUC 4325*
- ___ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- ___ GEOG 1301 or 1302
- ___ PSYC 3341 or equivalent

- ___ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- ___ EDUC 4362
- ___ CHLD/EDUC 4311
- ___ CHLD/EDUC 4314
- ___ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) __

Mathematics

- ___ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- ___ MATH 1350[†]
- ___ MATH 2350
- ___ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

Natural Sciences

- ___ Lab Science[†] _____
- ___ Lab Science[†] _____
- ___ Lab Science _____
- ___ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

Teaching Concentration

EC-6 Generalist

- ___ Elective _____
- ___ EDUC 4317*
- ___ EDUC 4312*
- ___ EDUC 4372*
- ___ EDUC 4373*
- ___ EDUC 4680* (student teaching)
- ___ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

*Courses marked with an asterisk are restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

EC-6 Bilingual Generalist

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher- _____
- _____ EDUC 3322
- _____ EDUC 4313
- _____ EDUC 4315*
- _____ EDUC 4324*
- _____ EDUC 4325*
- _____ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- _____ EDUC 4362
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 4311
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 4329
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

NOTES ON GRADUATING

1. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all requirements for the degree.
2. Complete at least 124 semester credit hours for the degree. At least 48 hours must be at the junior/senior level, and at least 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

Teaching Concentration

EC-6 Bilingual Generalist

- _____ EDUC 4317*
- _____ EDUC 4312*
- _____ EDUC 4363*
- _____ EDUC 4372*
- _____ EDUC 4373*
- _____ EDUC 4681* (student teaching)
- _____ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

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DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

EC-6 Generalist with ESL

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ EDUC 3322
- _____ EDUC 4313
- _____ EDUC 4324*
- _____ EDUC 4325*
- _____ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- _____ EDUC 4362
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 4311
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 4329
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

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3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

Teaching Concentration

EC-6 ESL Generalist

- _____ EDUC 4317*
- _____ EDUC 4312*
- _____ EDUC 4336*
- _____ EDUC 4372*
- _____ EDUC 4373*
- _____ EDUC 4681* (student teaching)
- _____ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

*Courses marked with an asterisk are restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

4-8 Generalist

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ EDUC 3322 or 4323
- _____ EDUC 4325*
- _____ EDUC 4326*
- _____ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302 or 1303
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- _____ EDUC 4362
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _____

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

NOTES ON GRADUATING

1. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all requirements for the degree.
2. Complete at least 121 semester credit hours for the degree. At least 48 hours must be at the junior/senior level, and at least 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

Academic Support Electives

- _____
- _____
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- _____
- _____

15 hours in supporting fields. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.

Teaching Concentration

4-8 Generalist

- _____ EDUC 4321* or 4322*
- _____ EDUC 4374*
- _____ EDUC 4375*
- _____ EDUC 4682* (student teaching)
- _____ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

*Courses marked with an asterisk are restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

4-8 Bilingual Generalist

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ EDUC 3322 or 4323
- _____ EDUC 4329
- _____ EDUC 4315*
- _____ EDUC 4325*
- _____ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302 or 1303
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- _____ EDUC 4362
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _____

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

NOTES ON GRADUATING

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2. Complete at least 121 semester credit hours for the degree. At least 48 hours must be at the junior/senior level, and at least 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

Academic Support Electives

- _____
- _____
- _____

9 hours in supporting fields. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.

Teaching Concentration

4-8 Bilingual Generalist

- _____ EDUC 4321* or 4322*
- _____ EDUC 4316*
- _____ EDUC 4374*
- _____ EDUC 4375*
- _____ EDUC 4684* (student teaching)
- _____ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

*Courses marked with an asterisk are restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

4-8 Generalist with ESL

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ EDUC 3322 or 4323
- _____ EDUC 4329
- _____ EDUC 4325*
- _____ EDUC 4326*
- _____ EDUC 4327*

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302 or 1303
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD/EDUC 3352 or equivalent
- _____ EDUC 4362
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _____

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

NOTES ON GRADUATING

1. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all requirements for the degree.
2. Complete at least 121 semester credit hours for the degree. At least 48 hours must be at the junior/senior level, and at least 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50 in all courses applicable toward the degree. A GPA of at least 2.75 in the major courses is required for admission to student teaching.

Academic Support Electives

- _____
- _____

6 hours in supporting fields. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.

Teaching Concentration

4-8 Generalist with ESL

- _____ EDUC 4321* or 4322*
- _____ EDUC 4316*
- _____ EDUC 4336*
- _____ EDUC 4374*
- _____ EDUC 4375*
- _____ EDUC 4688* (student teaching)
- _____ EDUC 4099* (student teaching seminar)

*Courses marked with an asterisk are restricted to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Teacher Certification Program.

DEGREE PLAN: BA IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

General Studies (non-certification)

GENERAL EDUCATION (44 hours)

- _____ English Composition 1301 & 1302
- _____ Engl. Lit. 2322, 2323, 2327, or 2328
- _____ U.S. History 1301 & 1302
- _____ U.S./State Gov. PLSC 2305 & 2306
- _____ *Lab sciences (2 courses)[†]
- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]; MATH 1350[†]
- _____ Speech Communication (1 course)
- _____ Visual & Performing Arts (1 course)
- _____ Social Science (1 course)

[†]These courses are also included in the major and must be completed with grades of "C" or better.

MAJOR COURSES

Language Arts and Reading

- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL or SPAN 2300 or higher _____
- _____ ENGL/SPAN/COMM/DRAM 33xx _____
- _____ ENGL/SPAN/COMM/DRAM 33xx _____
- _____ ENGL/SPAN/COMM/DRAM 33xx _____

Social Sciences/Social Studies

- _____ GEOG 1301 or 1302 or 1303
- _____ PSYC 3341 or equivalent
- _____ CHLD 3352 or equivalent
- _____ [Elect one] ARTS 3300; EDUC 4362; ENGL 3306; HIST 4376; PSYC 3311; SPAN 3378
- _____ HIST (2300 or higher U.S./Tex) _____
- _____ HIST/PLSC/PSYC/SOCI 33xx _____
- _____ HIST/PLSC/PSYC/SOCI 33xx _____
- _____ HIST/PLSC/PSYC/SOCI 33xx _____

Mathematics

- _____ MATH 1314 or higher[†]
- _____ MATH 1350[†]
- _____ MATH 2350
- _____ Statistics (PSYC 3301 or equivalent)

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3. At least 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UTPB.
4. Earn at least a C grade in all major courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 in all courses applicable toward the degree.

Natural Sciences

- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science[†] _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Lab Science _____
- _____ Science (upper level) _____
- _____ Science (upper level) _____

The Science courses should include at least one course in each area: Life Science (BIOL), Earth Science (GEOL), and Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS/ENSC).

Area of Emphasis

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- _____
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- _____
- _____
- _____

18 hours in one specific area or discipline. Must include sufficient upper level hours to meet the 48 hours required for graduation.