

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, A.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Begin Campus: Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Hazleton, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton

End Campus: Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Hazleton, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre

Suggested Academic Plan

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Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Brandywine Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 ^{*††}	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{*††}	0-3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
Supporting Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Supporting Course [*]	3
	15	12-15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Supporting Course [*]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [*]	3
Supporting Course [*]	3 Related Area Course [*]	3
Related Area Course [*]	3 Related Area Course [*]	3
US or International Cultures Course or Elective	3 Writing Across the Curriculum or Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 57-60

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General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at DuBois Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15	3 CAS 100	3
General Education Course (Arts)	3 General Education Course (Quantitative)	3
General Education Course (Humanities)	3 General Education elective (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sci, or Quantitative)	3
General Education Course (Social Science)	3 General Education Course (Arts)	3
General Education Course (Natural Science)	3 1st Arts or 1st Humanities or 1st Science or Any Foreign Language	3-4
15		15-16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 202 (A,B,C or D)	3 3rd Arts, Humanities, Social Science or Natural Science/ Quantitative or Any Foreign Language	3-4
General Education Course- Social Sciences	3 Any Arts, Humanities, Soc Science, Natural Science or Quantitative with an IL designation	3
General Education Course- Natural Science	3 Elective within any General Education area	3
General Education Course- Humanities	3 Any Arts, Humanities, Soc Science, Natural Science or Quantitative with a US designation	3
2nd Arts, or 2nd Social Science or 2nd Nat Science/ Quantitative or Any Foreign Language	3-4 Any General Education with a W suffix	3
15-16		15-16

Total Credits 60-63

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Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Fayette Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 100 ^{††}	3 ENGL 15 or 100 ^{††}	3
Quantification (GQ) [*]	3-4 General Education Course (GA, GH, GS, or GN)	3
Arts- Major Selection [*]	3 General Education Course (GA, GH, GS, or GN)	3
Humanities- Major Selection [*]	3 Physical, Biological, or Earth Science- Major Selection (GN) [*]	3
General Education Course (GA, GH, GS, or GN)	3 Major Emphasis Selection (GA, GH, GS, GN, or WL) [*]	3
PSU 8	1	
	16-17	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Major Emphasis Selection (GA, GH, GS, GN, or WL) [*]	3 ENGL 202- Effective Writing (A, B, D, or C) [‡]	3
Social Sciences- Major Selection [*]	3 Major Emphasis Selection (GA, GH, GS, GN, or WL) [*]	3
Writing Across the Curriculum (W)	3 General Education Course (GA, GH, GS, or GN)	3
US or IL Cultures	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 61-62

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Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Hazleton Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{*†}	3 CAS 100 ^{*†}	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
PSU 8	1	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D ^{*1}	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Writing Intensive Course ¹	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
	15	15

Total Credits 61

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

¹ Consultation with adviser is recommended for proper course selection

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Mont Alto Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 CAS 100 (GWS) [‡]	3
PSU 8	1 General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 Major Requirements (Social Sciences) [*]	3
General Education Course [†]	3 Major Requirements (Humanities) [*]	3
General Education Course [†]	3 Elective	3
General Education Course [†]	3	3
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Major Requirements (Natural Sciences) [*]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3
Major Requirement (Arts) [*]	3 Related Area Course [*]	3
Related Area Course [*]	3 Related Area Course [*]	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 61

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Advising Notes:

- The associate degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences (2LAUC_AA) is a degree which allows learners to experience a variety of academic disciplines as well as prepare for continued studies in a bachelor degree program.
- Please consult your adviser if you have a particular bachelor degree in mind.

- Your adviser can help build a plan to help you meet any admission or course prerequisite requirements for the bachelor degree.

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at New Kensington

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H	3 CAS 100	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D	3
Related Area Course	3 Writing Intensive Course	3
Related Area Course	3 Supporting Course	3
Related Area Course	3 Supporting Course	3
Supporting Course	3 Supporting Course	3
15		15

Total Credits 60

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University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Schuylkill Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15E, or 30H ^{* † ‡}	3 CAS 100 ^{* † ‡}	3
Quantification (GQ) [‡]	3 9 Credit Area (GA, GH, GS, GN, GQ, FL) [*]	3
General Education Course (GA, GH, GS)	3 Physical, Biological, or Earth Science [*]	3
General Education Course (GA, GH, GS)	3 Humanities (GH) [*]	3
Natural Science (GN)	3 Arts (GA) [*]	3
PSU 8	2	
	17	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
9 credit area (GA, GH, GS, GN, GQ, FL) [*]	3 ENGL 202 (A, B, C, or D) Effective Writing (GWS) [*]	3
General Education Course (GA, GH, GS)	3 Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS) [*]	3
Writing Across the Curriculum (W)	3 Elective	3
US or IL Cultures	3 Elective	1
Elective	3 9 Credit Area (GA, GH, GS, GN, GQ, FL) [*]	3
	15	13

Total Credits 60

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Integrative Studies (either Inter-domain or Linked Courses)

Integrative Studies may be completed within the 30 Knowledge Domain credits and must be completed with either Inter-domain or Linked courses, not a combination of both. For Inter-domain courses, credit

may apply to both Knowledge Domain designations but does not reduce the total number of credits within the Knowledge Domains and at least 3 credits of single-domain coursework are required in each of the 5 Knowledge Domains. Linked courses used for the Integrative Studies requirement must represent two different Knowledge Domains.

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Scranton Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [†]	3 CAS 100A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 9 credit area (GA, GH, GS, GN, WL) [*]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 General Education Course	3
Physical, Biological or Earth Science (GN) [*]	3 General Education Course	3
PSU 8 (Recommended)	0-1	
	15-16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
9 credit area (GA, GH, GS, GN, WL) [*]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [*]	3
General Education Course [*]	3 9 credit area (GA, GH, GS, GN, WL) [*]	3
Writing Across the Curriculum (W)	3 General Education Course	3
US or IL Cultures	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 60-61

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Advising Notes:

- As long as one GA, GH, and GS are taken, the order in which they are completed is not important.
- A student's career and graduate school plans should be considered when developing an individual academic plan.

- Be sure to consult an adviser in this department when scheduling courses.

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A. at Shenango Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Art Elective (GA)	3 Art Elective for Major (GA)	3
ENGL 15 ^{‡†}	3 CAS 100A [†]	3
Humanities Elective (GH)	3 Elective - General Elective Course	3
Natural Science Elective (GN)	3 Quantification Elective (GQ) [‡]	3
Social Science Elective (GS)	3 Social Science Elective for Major (GS)	3
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Elective - Concentration Area Elective	3 Elective - Concentration Area Elective	3
Elective - Concentration Area Elective	3 Elective - General Elective Course	3
Elective - General Elective Course	3 Elective - General Elective Course	3
Elective - General Elective Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D	3
Humanities Elective for Major - W or Y (US), (USI), or (IL)	3 Natural Science Elective for Major (GN)	3
	15	15

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Program Notes

Students must complete a 3-credit course in "United States Cultures (US)" or a 3-credit course in "International Cultures (IL)."

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 ^{*††}	3 CAS 100 ^{*††}	3
General Education Course(GQ) ^{*††}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course [*]	3 General Education Course	3
PSU 8	1	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D ^{*††1}	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Writing Intensive Course ¹	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Related Area Course ^{*1}	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
	15	15

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