

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Curriculum Plan Checklist

Use this checklist to evaluate your BIS application and curriculum plan. Submit with your application.

- Application and Curriculum Plan are typed.
- Information on front page is accurate and complete.
- Courses appearing on BIS transfer evaluation only are included on application.
- Title of your focus area accurately describes the grouping of courses.
- Focus area title is different from all existing majors published in the current VCU Undergraduate Bulletin.

Focus area section includes:

- At least 36 semester hours total.
- A minimum of 24 semester hours of upper-level (300-, 400-level) credit.
- Three semester hours of writing intensive (WI) credit.
- A minimum of two disciplines combined (for example: psychology and business or English and sociology).

Communicating section includes:

- A minimum of 12 – 15 semester hours total.
- Six hours of English composition and rhetoric.
- Six hours of writing intensive (three should be listed in the focus area).
- Three hours of speech or communications credit.

Ethics section includes:

- A minimum of three semester hours.

Quality and Form section includes:

- A minimum of six semester hours total.
- Three semester hours of college math or equivalent.
- Three hours of calculus, logic, statistics or computer science.

Science and Technology section includes:

- A minimum of three semester hours of natural science credit, which includes a laboratory experience (biology, chemistry, physics, geography, astronomy).

Visual and Performing Arts section includes:

- A minimum of two semester hours in participatory or non-participatory arts credit (applied music, art foundation, art history, crafts, dance, music history, painting, photography or theatre)

Humanities, Social Sciences and Interdependence section includes:

- A minimum of nine semester hours.
 - Three hours in humanities credit (foreign language, history, literature, philosophy or religion).
 - Three hours in American, European, or Non-Western culture.
 - Three hours in social science (African-American studies, anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology or social work).
 - One of the courses must have an international or global emphasis.
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- Semester hours are indicated with each course listed and in the appropriate column (that is, in the lower-level or upper-level column).
 - VCU upper-level hours (300-400 level) are equal to or greater than 21 semester hours.
 - Credits after admission to BIS are equal to or greater than 24 semester hours.
 - Community college credit is equal to or less than 60 semester hours.
 - Upper level credit (300-400 level) is equal to or greater than 45 semester hours.
 - The total number of semester hours is equal to or greater than 120.

Programs with Business credits only

- Total number of business credits is equal to or less than 30 semester hours.

Military, technical, portfolio or CLEP credit only

- Military or technical credit is equal to or less than 30 semester hours (focus area only).
- Portfolio credits are equal to or less than 15 semester hours (focus area only).
- CLEP credits are equal to or less than 54 semester hours.