



Twin Cities Campus

Multidisciplinary Studies B.S.

CCAPS Individualized Degrees

College of Continuing and Professional Studies

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 50
- Degree: Bachelor of Science

Founded in 2006 in response to the growing demand for high quality pathways to degree completion, multidisciplinary studies (MdS) embodies the University of Minnesota's commitment to individualized undergraduate education by providing returning adult learners with access to cross-college, individualized degree options. Drawing upon the curricular offerings of most of the University's colleges and departments, students design a bachelor of arts (BA) or bachelor of science (BS) degree incorporating coursework from three of five multidisciplinary areas. Multidisciplinary studies degree areas include applied, technical, and professional; arts and humanities; communications; history and social science; and science and health science. MdS students begin their journey to degree completion in a credit-based degree planning seminar in which they discern a degree plan which reflects their professional and personal goals. MdS is intended to serve returning adult learners with a minimum of a two-year gap in their pursuit of higher education and who value the challenge and rewards of individualized education. Interested students are encouraged to attend an information session held multiple times per month. Academic advisors provide a detailed introduction to the program and help students begin the planning process. A growing number of courses are available online and students may have the option of completing the MdS degree completely online.

For further information on Multidisciplinary Studies, visit <https://ccaps.umn.edu/multidisciplinary-studies-bachelors-degree>

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 50 credits before admission to the program.

Transfer students are usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:

- 2.50 already admitted to the degree-granting college
- 2.50 transferring from another University of Minnesota college
- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

Students with 30-49 transferable credits, a GPA of 2.5, and strong interest in the major may be admitted to premajor status.

Admission is based on GPA, grade trends, performance in relevant coursework, and demonstrated ability to meet expectations of individualized undergraduate education.

Students must have attended an information session and an advising appointment.

Preferred program match factors include

- * A 2-year break in pursuit of a degree (need not be continuous)
- * A heavy, though not necessarily exclusive, reliance on evening and online/distance learning (ODL) course work

At a timely point after admission, students must enroll in MDS 3001W: Intro to Multidisciplinary Studies, a 3-credit course, to develop a written proposal with a rationale for the degree plan. When the instructor has determined that the proposal is complete, it is submitted to a review committee for approval. At that point, the student achieves major status.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).



Program Requirements

In applicable departmental areas, successful completion of the following courses will count toward the 50 credits: CHEM 2302, CSCI 2021, DHA 2463, FW 2001, PSY 2801.

All major courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.

Multidisciplinary Studies Oral Communication Requirement

[ABUS 4023W](#) - Communicating for Results [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [COMM 1101](#) - Introduction to Public Speaking [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or [COMM 1313W](#) - Analysis of Argument [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [COMM 3411](#) - Introduction to Small Group Communication (3.0 cr)
or [COMM 3605W](#) - Persuasive Speaking and Speech Writing [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [BA 3033W](#) - Business Communication [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [WRIT 3257](#) - Technical and Professional Presentations (3.0 cr)
or Equivalent

Multidisciplinary Studies Quantitative or Critical Thinking Requirement

[EPSY 3264](#) - Basic and Applied Statistics [MATH] (3.0 cr)
or [EPSY 5261](#) - Introductory Statistical Methods (3.0 cr)
or [NURS 3710](#) - Statistics for Clinical Practice and Research [MATH] (3.0 cr)
or [POL 3085](#) - Quantitative Analysis in Political Science [MATH] (4.0 cr)
or [PSY 3801](#) - Introduction to Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)
or [SOC 3811](#) - Social Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)
or [STAT 3011](#) - Introduction to Statistical Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive Requirement

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. Typically students use MdS 3001W to satisfy this requirement.

Multidisciplinary Studies Requirements

Note: Students must complete a minimum of 50 upper-division credits for this degree program. Courses taken for above requirements may sometimes count toward this 50-credit minimum.

[MDS 3001W](#) - Introduction to Multidisciplinary Studies [WI] (3.0 cr)
Must have min of 50 upper div cr for major & include min of 15 upper div cr in each area. Students choose coursework from one of the following areas: applied, tech & Prof; or science & health sci; and may choose coursework from remaining areas: arts & humanities; communication; or hist & soc sci.