Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

The College of Creative Arts’ Multidisciplinary Studies (MDS) program enables students to earn a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies (B.MdS.) degree by following an individualized course of study based on their own academic interests and goals in the Arts. Combined with the University's General Education Foundations, the degree allows students to choose three different academic minors to create their own educational plan. At least two of the three minors must be from programs within the College of Creative Arts. The third minor can be from the College of Creative Arts or from one of the other minor programs available at West Virginia University. Students who decide to have all three minors from the College of Creative Arts can only have two from the same School.

Each MDS course of study culminates with a “capstone” project where MDS students demonstrate what they have learned during their time at West Virginia University. The capstone must be selected from one of the capstone opportunities offered by the College of Creative Arts where the student has completed a minor.

As a member of the College’s MDS program, students are welcome to participate in the many performance, exhibition, internship and study-abroad opportunities offered by the College. Participation may require the completion of certain coursework and/or a successful audition/review process.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The College of Creative Arts offers a limited number of special College-based scholarship awards for freshman and current students enrolled in its programs. College-based awards are granted on the demonstration of outstanding talent, academic achievement, and the demonstration of future potential for success in the MDS program.

Information regarding both University and College of Creative Arts Scholarships can be found at http://ccarts.wvu.edu/academics/scholarships.

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Admission into Program

Acceptance into the College of Creative Arts' MDS program is contingent upon admission to WVU as an undergraduate student. Some minors require that the student must also complete a successful audition/review process in order to enroll and/or complete the course of study. When required, the audition/review is a preliminary assessment of a student’s potential for success in the program.

Students should check the requirements for each minor. Minor requirements are listed under the individual programs in this catalog.

Click here to view the Suggested Plan of Study (p. 2)

Program Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

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BACHELOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum GPA of 2.0

GEF Requirements

Select 1 of the following:

ART 191  First-Year Seminar - Creative Arts
MUSC 191  First-Year Seminar - Creative Arts
THET 191  First-Year Seminar - Creative Arts

Minor Requirements

A grade of C- or better is required in all minor coursework.

Minimum GPA of 2.0 in each minor or the GPA required for the specific minor (whichever is higher)

None of the courses required in the minors can be used to satisfy GEF requirements

If a course fulfills a requirement in more than one minor, an additional course from one of the minor's list of recommended electives or advanced study courses must be completed.

At least 60 credit hours of 200-400 level coursework is required

College of Creative Arts Minor 1  18
College of Creative Arts Minor 2  18
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College of Creative Arts Capstone  2-3

To be chosen from a School in the College of Creative Arts where a minor is completed

Grade of C- or higher is required

School of Arts and Design Capstone Courses:

ARHS 401  Senior Project-Capstone
ART 413  Senior Projects in Painting
ART 425  Graphic Design: Senior Project
ART 426  Senior Projects in Sculpture
ART 430  Senior Projects in Printmaking
ART 440  Senior Projects in Ceramics
ART 470  Senior Projects in Intermedia

School of Music Capstone Courses:

MUSC 435  Repertoire: Voice
MUSC 467  Major Project in Theory, Composition, or Music History
MUSC 487  Student Teaching Seminar
MUSC 488  Recital
MUSC 492  Directed Study
MUSC 435A  Repertoire: Piano

School of Theatre & Dance Capstone Courses:

THET 401  Capstone Experience
THET 450  The Complete Performer

Electives (including a University Writing course)  28

Total Hours  120

* Used to reach 120 minimum credit hours for the degree. The total credit hours for the degree may vary depending upon the requirements of the individual minors selected, as well as courses selected in the GEF.

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall  Hours  Spring  Hours
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)  3  GEF 3  3
Select one of the following:  
ART 191  Minor 1 Course  3  
MUSC 191  Minor 2 Course  3  
THET 191  Minor 3 Course  3  

Minor 1 Course  3  
Minor 2 Course  3  
Elective  3  

14  15

Second Year  
Fall  
ENGL 102 (GEF 1)  3  GEF 5  3  
GEF 4  3  GEF 2  4  
Minor 1 Course  3  Minor 2 Course  3  
Minor 3 Course  3  Minor 3 Course  3  
Elective  3  Elective  3  
15  16

Third Year  
Fall  
GEF 6  3  GEF 7  3  
Minor 1 Course  3  GEF 8  3  
Minor 2 Course  3  Minor 1 Course  3  
Minor 3 Courses  3  Minor 2 Course  3  
Elective  3  Elective  3  
15  15

Fourth Year  
Fall  
GEF 8  3  GEF 8  3  
Elective  3  Elective  3  
Capstone Course  3  Minor 2 Course  3  
Minor 1 Course  3  Minor 3 Course  3  
Minor 3 Course  3  Elective  3  
15  15

Total credit hours: 120

Major Learning Goals

**BACHELOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN THE ARTS**

The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies in the Arts (BMdS) allows students to follow an individualized course of study based on their own academic interests in the Arts.

- Demonstration of knowledge and/or skills in two or more areas of study (minors) within the College beyond basic coursework and performance appropriate to the individual's needs and interests.
- The ability to think, speak, and write clearly and effectively, and to communicate with precision, cogency, and rhetorical force.
- An informed acquaintance with the mathematical and experimental methods of the physical and biological sciences, and with the main forms of analysis of the historical and quantitative techniques needed for investigating the workings and developments of modern society.
- An ability to address culture and history from a variety of perspectives.
- Understanding of, and experience in thinking about, moral and ethical problems.
- The ability to respect, understand and evaluate work in a variety of disciplines and particularly in one or more aspects of the Arts.
- The capacity to explain and defend views effectively and rationally.
- The ability to conceive, create and practice one or more specific areas of the Arts.
- Understanding the similarities, differences and relationships among the various forms of Art.
- A demonstration of the conceptual and practical relationship between at least two areas of the Arts combined with a third area related to the student's specific academic and personal interests and goals.