

Multidisciplinary Studies

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies (B.MdS.)

The CPASS Multidisciplinary Studies (MDS) program offers students the flexibility to create a program of study to meet their sport and physical activity related career aspirations. Students develop a breadth of knowledge in the areas of physical activity and sport sciences (PASS) by combining three minors of which two minors must be from CPASS.

The flexibility and potential course offerings available through this major will help students succeed in both traditional and non-traditional employment opportunities in sport and physical activity professions. CPASS offers students a variety of minors leading to an extensive number of career paths. It is important to know that the possibilities are only constrained by one's imagination.

The CPASS MDS provides:

- a personalized plan of study for the ideal career.
- students with the opportunity to turn their passion of physical activity or sport into a dream career.
- students with the academic flexibility to explore unique educational opportunities offered at the University.

Admissions Requirements

Interested students are admitted into the MDS-PASS major. Students must complete Benchmark 1 prior to enrolling in PASS 300 (typically completed in year 3 of the major). Specifically, students must:

- Complete at least 18 credits of GEF coursework;
- Complete PASS 191 or its equivalent; and
- Complete at least two credits of PE activity courses.

Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 to graduate from WVU. Students who fall below this 2.0 GPA will be placed on academic probation and subject to additional requirements such as required meetings with academic advisers and a retention specialist, study halls and tutoring, meeting with peer advisers, and meetings with the CPASS academic standards committee.

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

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Degree Requirements

Minimum GPA of 2.0

GEF Requirements

PASS 191	First-Year Seminar	1
PE Activities Courses		3
PASS 300	Career Exploration in Physical Activity and Sport Sciences *	3
A grade of C- or higher must be earned in all minor courses.		
CPASS Minor 1		15
CPASS Minor 2		15
Additional Minor		15
PASS 489	Capstone Experience in PASS	3
Electives (needed to reach 120 credit minimum)		31
Community Service (Minimum of 30 hours must be completed to graduate)		
Total Hours		120

* Students must meet the following benchmarks before taking PASS 300:

- Complete at least 18 credits of GEF coursework,
- Complete PASS 191 (or equivalent),
- Complete at least two credits of PE Activity coursework,
- Complete at least 10 hours of community service (<https://service.wvu.edu/>).

** No more than two practicums can be completed in any one semester of the MDS degree.

*** Students must complete at least 72 credit hours of 200-400 level coursework.

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
PASS 191	1 GEF 2	4
GEF 1	3 GEF 6	3
GEF 5	3 GEF 8	3
GEF 7	3 PE Activity Course	1
PE Activity Course	1 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
	14	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
GEF 3	3 GEF 1	3
GEF 4	3 PASS Minor 1	3
GEF 8	3 PASS Minor 1	3
GEF 8	3 PE Activity Course	1
Elective	3 Elective	3
	Elective	3
	15	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
PASS 300	3 PASS Minor 1	3
PASS Minor 1	3 PASS Minor 2	3
PASS Minor 1	3 PASS Minor 2	3
PASS Minor 2	3 Minor 3	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
PASS Minor 2	3 PASS 489	3
PASS Minor 2	3 Minor 3	3
Minor 3	3 Minor 3	3

Minor 3	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
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Total credit hours: 120

Major Learning Outcomes

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The goals of the program is for students to graduate with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to prepare them for a career within the field of physical activity and sport sciences.

- to articulate issues relevant to physical activity and sport sciences.
- to understand the importance of interacting with their communities.
- to critically assess their marketability within the sport and physical activity industries.
- to develop personalized exposure to their career of interest.
- to build the propensity to acquire new knowledge and abilities which align with the accepted practice of a professional in physical activity and sport sciences.