

Multidisciplinary Studies, B.MdS.

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

Nature of the Program

The Multidisciplinary Studies (MDS) major in the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design is a flexible degree program which allows students and their advisors to tailor a set of courses which meets the student's interests and career plans. The major was developed in response to increasing demands from employers and students for broad-based educational programs which prepare students for our rapidly changing society and economies. There are an increasing number of students who wish to tailor their education to their career interests without being constrained by traditional academic majors. The Davis College MDS program is distinct from others at WVU and is oriented toward students who want to focus their studies on the academic areas of the College.

Admissions for 2025-2026

First time freshman, WVU students in other majors and transfer students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into Davis College as Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies majors.

Major Code: 1701

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.

Code	Title	Hours
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 Reasoning		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.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
University Requirements		74
Multidisciplinary Studies Major Requirements		46
Total Hours		120

University Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations (GEF) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (31-37 Credits)		
Outstanding GEF Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8		34
ANRD 191	First-Year Seminar	1

General Electives	39
Total Hours	74

Multidisciplinary Studies Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Davis College Minor 1		15
Davis College Minor 2		15
Additional Minor		15
Capstone *		1
Total Hours		46

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The student is required to complete a capstone course under the direction of his or her advisor.

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The student, along with their faculty advisor from the Davis College, chooses three minors and a program of elective courses, which fits the student's focus and career objectives. Students are not limited to courses in a particular area, but will have the opportunity to develop expertise in several areas with a multidisciplinary focus.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ANRD 191		1 GEF 3	3
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 GEF 5	3
GEF 2B		4 GEF 6	3
GEF 4		3 Minor 1 Course	3
Elective		3 Minor 3 Course	3
Elective		1	
		15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 102 (GEF 1)		3 Minor 1 Course	3
GEF 7		3 Minor 2 Course	3
Minor 1 Course		3 Minor 3 Course	3
Minor 2 Course		3 Elective	3
Minor 3 Course		3 Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
GEF 8		3 GEF 8	3
Minor 1 Course		3 Minor 1 Course	3
Minor 2 Course		3 Minor 2 Course	3
Minor 3 Courses		3 Minor 3 Course	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Capstone Course		1 Elective	3
GEF 8		3 Elective	3
Minor 2 Course		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3

Elective	2	
	15	15

Total credit hours: 120

Major Learning Outcomes

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Upon graduation, students will have attained the following knowledge bases and career competency skills:

- Knowledge of and aptitude with principles, practices, facts, concepts, theories and tools in three minor areas
- The ability to write and present information
- The ability to analyze problems from different perspectives, recognize uncertainties, propose options, construct predictions, and make sound decisions using appropriate information resources and analytical tools