

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES - B.I.S.

College of Sciences and Humanities
 School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities
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About This Program

Customize your education with the Integrative Studies program. Our Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree allows you to design a curriculum tailored to your unique interests and career goals. With a flexible program structure that allows you to combine courses from various disciplines, you will gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that are highly valued in today's job market. Read more...

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 - East Liverpool Campus
 - Geauga Campus
 - Kent Campus
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 - Stark Campus
 - Trumbull Campus
 - Tuscarawas Campus
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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Ashtabula Campus
 - East Liverpool Campus
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Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Students who have completed 30 credit hours (excluding credit earned while in high school, e.g. College Credit Plus) may declare the Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree. Students should schedule an appointment with a B.I.S. advisor to evaluate completed coursework, discuss future

academic and career goals and determine which concentration will be reflected on the degree audit.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) | | |
| IGST 40099 | SENIOR PROJECT (ELR) (WIC) ¹ | 1-3 |
| Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) | | |
| UC 10001 | FLASHES 101 | 1 |
| | Kent Core Composition | 6 |
| | Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning | 3 |
| | Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) | 9 |
| | Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| | Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| | Kent Core Additional | 6 |
| | General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours) ² | 0-52 |
| Concentrations | | |
| | Choose from the following: | 30-82 |
| | Integrative Studies-General ³ | |
| | Integrative Studies-Two Minors ⁴ | |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 120 |

- ¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ² Students are encouraged to complete internships or utilize individual investigations for more nuanced work; the total hours that can be completed in internship (xxx92) and/or individual investigation (xxx96) courses can not total more than 15 hours.
- ³ The Integrative Studies-General concentration allows students to choose a minimum of 30 credit hours from a minimum of two interrelated programs that support their career aspirations.
- ⁴ The Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration allows students to complete two university-recognized minors and/or certificates. Students select courses from a minimum of two academic departments and develop a rationale for the ways in which these courses support their career goals.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| - | 2.000 |

- The B.I.S. degree requires a minimum total of 120 earned credit hours, of which 39 credit hours must be at the upper-division (30000-40000) level.
- Students in both the Integrative Studies-General concentration and the Integrative Studies-Two Minors concentration are required to complete IGST 40099, as well as all university requirements and college requirements.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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| Flashes 101 (UC 10001) | 1 credit hour |
| Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission. | |
| Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) | varies |
| Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience. | |
| Kent Core (see table below) | 36-37 credit hours |
| Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) | 1 course |
| Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course. | |
| Upper-Division Requirement | 39 credit hours |
| Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. | |
| Total Credit Hour Requirement | 120 credit hours |

Kent Core Requirements

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| Kent Core Composition (KCMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours: | 36-37 |

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Integrate theoretical and empirical material from across traditional disciplines.
2. Design, research and execute a scholarly project of high quality.
3. Articulate connections between their chosen coursework at Kent State and their plans to make a contribution to their community after graduation.

Mandatory Outcomes Assessment

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Sciences and Humanities are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Sciences and Humanities.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree provides a path to degree completion utilizing an integrative approach while maintaining a focus

on career and professional goals. Students consult with an advisor to research and develop a plan of study.

The Integrative Studies major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Integrative Studies-General** concentration allows students to choose a minimum of 30 credit hours from a minimum of two interrelated programs that support their career aspirations.
- The **Integrative Studies-Two Minors** concentration allows students to complete two university-recognized minors and/or certificates. Students select courses from a minimum of two academic departments and develop a rationale for the ways in which these courses support their career goals.

Students may apply early to the M.S. degree in Emerging Media and Technology and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree programs. See the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program policy in the University Catalog for more information.