



Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS) to BS Multidisciplinary Studies

The sequence below is contingent on the student completing the AA/AS degree from a college in the North Carolina Community College System.

The Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies requires a minimum of 120 semester hours. ECU requires a minimum 2.0 overall GPA and a minimum 2.0 major GPA for graduation. Multidisciplinary studies is a university-wide program administered by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. The goals of the program are to foster multidisciplinary study among various schools and departments, enable motivated students to pursue degrees in specialized or new fields, and encourage undergraduates to pursue research interests while working closely with faculty. There are two multidisciplinary studies options:

The **individual concentration** is designed for the student (1) who has clear interests and objectives that overlap schools, departments, degrees, or concentrations; (2) whose interests and objectives cannot reasonably be met through existing majors, minors, and electives; and (3) whose program is not fashioned in order to bypass a requirement of an existing program. A course of study is developed by the student in consultation with faculty in the appropriate disciplines and the director of multidisciplinary studies. A formal proposal, including the list of faculty who will supervise the student, is submitted to the Multidisciplinary Studies Committee. To begin the process, interested students should contact the director of multidisciplinary studies for procedures and guidelines. The major must be approved early enough in one's academic career in order to have time to adhere to program guidelines. To declare a major, students must have completed 30 s.h. with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA and the student's proposal must be approved by the Multidisciplinary Studies Committee. Program requirements include MULT 3500 and MULT 4999; students may not be enrolled in these courses without admission to the program.

The **structured concentrations** are approved by the Multidisciplinary Studies Committee and are provided in areas where there has been clear evidence of significant student demand. For structured concentrations, students take a prearranged curriculum that is approved by a recognized academic committee with oversight in that disciplinary area. Requirements include the completion of interdisciplinary courses, comparable to MULT 3500 and MULT 4999, which address interdisciplinary methods and topics. Current structured concentrations are: classical studies, international studies, neuroscience, religious studies, and security studies.

The BS in Multidisciplinary Studies requires that a minimum of 24 s.h. from the core/minor/approved structured electives be completed with courses above the 2999-level.

For more information about the Multidisciplinary Studies BS, visit the following sites:

University catalog: <https://catalog.ecu.edu>
Neuroscience structured concentration: <https://www.ecu.edu/neuroscience/>
Security Studies structured concentration: <https://securitystudies.ecu.edu/undergraduate-programs/>