

# INTEGRATIVE STUDIES - B.I.S.

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
 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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## 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.

This degree program may not be earned as a double major or dual degree with another major and cannot be earned as an additional degree after another degree at the same or higher level has been earned previously.

**International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning a minimum 71 TOEFL iBT score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 47 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive English Program. For more information on international admission visit the admissions website for international students.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

| Code   | Title   | Credit Hours |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>             |   |              |
| IGST 40099   | SENIOR PROJECT (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>   | 1-3          |
| <b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b> |   |              |
| 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) <sup>2</sup> | 0-52         |
| <b>Concentrations</b>  |   |              |
|  | Choose from the following:  | 30-82        |
|  | Integrative Studies-General <sup>3</sup>  |              |
|  | Integrative Studies-Two Minors <sup>4</sup>   |              |
| <b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>                                 |   | <b>120</b>   |

- <sup>1</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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. |                    |
| Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)  | 2 courses          |
| Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.               |                    |
| 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 (KCOMP)                                       | 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            |
| <b>Total Credit Hours:</b>  | <b>36-37</b> |

## 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.

## 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.