

BACHELOR OF INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (BIS)

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Effective for students entering this major Fall Semester 2009

Program Description:

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate appropriate academic preparedness, maturity, and seriousness of purpose. High school courses and grade point average, ACT mathematics and reading subscores, and composite score will be considered in the admission and course placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or, they will be considered as first year students. This degree is not available to students who would be better served with another bachelor degree offered at FSU and may not be received as a second bachelor degree using the same credits as another FSU Bachelor degree. The BIS offers students three options for designing unique degree programs. Those options are illustrated below. Students should choose among the options illustrated below and in consultation with the program coordinator.

Entrance Requirements:

1. Students must be admitted to the University.
2. Students interested in the BIS should consult with the Major Advisor to learn more about the program options. This consultation may include an interview and or portfolio review¹.
3. The Community College Partnership option requires an earned associate degree with MACRAO² endorsement and completion of PSYC 150 and COMM 105 or their transfer equivalencies³; or 48 transferable academic credits earned at an accredited institution of higher education; or completion of Ferris State University's General Education requirements⁴.

Graduation Requirements:

1. 120 minimum semester credits as denoted by the agreed upon academic plan, including general education requirements.
2. Residency requirement: 30 minimum FSU semester credits.
3. Minimum of 40 credits numbered 300 or higher.

¹ Applicants to the program should note that the BIS degree cannot be earned in conjunction with nor subsequent to another baccalaureate degree.

² The Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Transfer Agreement is designed to facilitate transfer from community colleges to baccalaureate colleges and universities.

³ An audit of all completed higher education coursework will determine placement for students transferring from an institution that does not participate in the MACRAO Transfer Agreement.

⁴ See Ferris State University, College of Arts and Sciences General Education Transfer Policy for detailed information about the various transfer of degrees in relation to the BIS and other baccalaureate degrees.

OPTION 3		COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP	
A focused degree plan designed by the student in consultation with the program coordinator (see example in <i>Organizational Engagement</i> below). Min: 60 credit hours			
Required		Prerequisite(s)	
ENGL	321	Advanced Composition (ENGL 250 or ENGL 211)	3
ENGL	325 or 311	Advanced Business Writing (ENGL 250 or ENGL 211); Technical Writing (ENGL 150)	3
ENGL	323	Proposal Writing (ENGL 250)	3
COMM	365	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM	380	Organizational Communication (COMM 105, 200, or 221)	3
COMM	421	Leadership in Small Groups Communication (COMM 105, 200, or 221)	3
COMM	460	Rights and Responsibilities (COMM 105 or COMM 200)	3
SOCY	121 or 122	Introductory Sociology; Social Problems	3
SOCY	340	Minority Groups in America (SOCY 121 or 122, or ANTH 122)	3
SOCY	344	World Urban Sociology (SOCY 121 or 122 or ANTH 122)	3
SOCY	371	Sociological Statistics (SOCY 121, 270, and 271 or permission of the advisor)	3
SOCY	460	Social Change (SOCY 121 or 122 or ANTH 122 and 1 other Social Awareness course)	3
ANTH	122	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
PLSC	251	Public Administration (Sophomore status)	3
PLSC	411	Urban and Regional Planning (PLSC 121 or 122, and 251)	3
PSYC	325	Social Psychology (PSYC 150)	3
PSYC	326	Industrial – Organizational Psychology (PSYC 150)	3
Choose 9 credits from below			
MGMT	373	Human Resource Management (Junior status)	3
MGMT	375	Negotiations (MGMT 373)	3
MGMT	447	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility (Junior or Senior status)	3
SOCY	341	Community Studies (SOCY 121 or 122 or ANTH 122)	3
ISYS	411	Project Management (Senior status)	3
ENGL	411	Professional and Technological Communications (ENGL 311 or 321)	3
Senior Experience			
COAS	499	Senior Transition (Senior status or within three semesters of completing the approved academic plan)	2 credits per semester for the final two semesters preceding graduation

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses which qualify in the Scientific Understanding (Z), Cultural Enrichment (C) and Social Awareness (S) categories are delineated in the General Education section of the FSU electronic catalog:

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/academics/gened/courses.html>

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS			
A. COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE 12 Sem Credits			
Course	Grade	Credit	
ENGL 150		3	
ENGL 250		3	
ENGL 311, 321, 323 or 325		3	
Choose one COMM 105 or 200 COMM 121 or 201 COMM 221		3	
TOTAL			
B. SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING 7 Sem Credits			
Only approved "Z" courses may count toward this category. At least one lab course.			
Course	Grade	Credit	
Lab			
TOTAL			
C. QUANTITATIVE SKILLS			
This requirement can be fulfilled by ONE of the following options:			
CHECK	Course	Grade	Credit
	MATH 115 or higher <i>or</i>		3
	MATH 115 or higher proficiency <i>or</i>		
	MATH ACT subtest score 24 or higher	Score	
TOTAL			

D. CULTURAL ENRICHMENT 9 Sem Credits		
Only approved "C" courses may count toward this category excluding foreign languages numbered 101, 102, 201. Requirements: 1) one course must be 200+ level, 2) maximum 5 credit hours of music and/or theater activities may apply		
Course	Grade	Credit
200+ level course		
TOTAL		
E. SOCIAL AWARENESS 9 Sem Credits		
Only approved "S" courses may count toward this category. Requirements: 1) two different subject areas including at least one "foundation" course, 2) one course at the 200+ level		
Course	Grade	Credit
TOTAL		
F. GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS: Each student must complete one course from the list of qualifying courses presented in the FSU catalog. This course may also count toward fulfilling the Cultural Enrichment or Social Awareness requirement.		
Course:		
G. RACE/ETHNICITY/GENDER: Each student must complete one course from the list of qualifying courses presented in the FSU catalog. This course may also count toward fulfilling the Cultural Enrichment or Social Awareness requirement.		
Course:		

NOTICE REGARDING WITHDRAWAL, RE-ADMISSION, AND INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES

Students who return to the university after an interrupted enrollment (not including summer semester) must normally meet the requirements of the curriculum which are in effect at the time of their return, not the requirements which were in effect when they were originally admitted.