

Articulation Agreement  
Between Oakland University and Macomb Community College  
For a Bachelor's of Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows students to combine courses from the university curriculum with associate degrees from Michigan community colleges. The **three-plus-one** program provides for transfer **up to 88 semester credits** from accredited two-year community colleges in Michigan. The program requires that courses accepted for transfer must have a grade of C- or above and that all coursework has been taken at accredited institutions.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program is a degree that allows students to design a **customized plan of study** that is directly related to their career and educational goals. The degree is transfer-friendly as it can apply most transferable credits allowing students to maximize their past coursework by integrating it with their coursework at OU.

### **Curriculum Guide**

#### **Complete at MCC:**

1. Associate degree from Macomb Community College:
  - a. Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Business Administration, or Associate of General Studies.

#### **Complete before or after transfer to Oakland University**

2. The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) or OU General Education categories to ensure maximum transferability of 88 credits.

#### **Complete at Oakland University:**

3. BIS and University requirements for degree. This can be completed in a minimum of 32 credits.
4. Meet with a BIS Adviser to complete required application steps to achieve major-standing in Interdisciplinary Studies. This includes course work selection, written rationale, and approval by the BIS faculty council. The BIS academic advising office can be contacted at (248) 370-3229 or bis@oakland.edu.

#### **NOTES:**

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)** – Students who received Macomb Community College prior learning credits as part of their Associate's degree, as listed on the official transcript, may receive credit at Oakland University in the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) program. These credits may be applied toward the 88 total semester credits transferred from Macomb, with approval from a BIS advisor. Types of CPL that will be accepted will be certifications, licenses and portfolios. Students who received credit at Macomb for Military, AP, IB, CLEP or DSST (DANTES) will need to send in the

official scores/transcripts to Oakland University to review. If a student changes their major out of the BIS program, the credits will be removed.

The Interdisciplinary Studies major also offers [Law School Partnerships](#) with Wayne State University Law School and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. Students may double count their first 30 credits from Law School as their last 30 credits at Oakland University to complete their bachelor's degree and law degree in six years. Admission to Wayne or Detroit Mercy Law is not guaranteed: [read more](#) about pre-law studies at OU!

A focus area option for BIS students is to prepare for the **Accelerated Second Degree (ASD) Nursing program**. Student's complete all prerequisites required for the ASD program along with approved integrative coursework.

Other focus area options may include (but are not limited to) **self-designed interdisciplinary programs** with focuses in business leadership/communication, entrepreneurship, public health administration, creative design/writing, broadcasting, IT/cybersecurity, public service, pre-professional programs, etc. The opportunities are endless with Interdisciplinary Studies!

Students may also choose this program to **prepare for graduate school** by completing required prerequisites along with other coursework to prepare for the next step in their education.

A Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree allows highly motivated students considering going to graduate school to study clinical mental health counseling or school counseling to earn both their undergraduate and graduate degrees in less time with the Combined B.I.S./Clinical Mental Health M.A. or the Combined B.I.S./School Counseling M.A. Students in this program complete 12 graduate-level credits at undergraduate tuition rates.

**Please contact the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at [bis@oakland.edu](mailto:bis@oakland.edu) or 248-370-3229 for more information regarding the program, or visit their [website](#).**