

DIVISION OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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The Division of Multidisciplinary Studies offers two undergraduate degree pathways: the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Multidisciplinary Studies and the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) in Professional Studies. Each program is designed to provide students with a broad academic foundation and opportunities to develop skills across multiple disciplines.

Both degree programs incorporate multidisciplinary learning and require the completion of a capstone project, offering students the chance to synthesize knowledge from their selected areas of study. Through these programs, students engage with coursework that addresses career competencies such as critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and professionalism.

For information about our two programs, please visit our Division of Multidisciplinary Studies website (<https://twu.edu/mds/>).

Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/multidisciplinary-studies/multidisciplinary-studies-bs/>)
- B.A.A.S. in Professional Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/multidisciplinary-studies/baas-professional-studies/>)

Special Division Requirements

B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies: Total semester credit hours for major courses: 36 semester credit hours divided between two or three concentration areas. For two concentration areas, students must complete 18 advanced hours in each of the two concentrations. For three concentration areas, students must complete 12 advanced hours in each of the three concentrations. Concentration area courses must be 3000-4000 level. Students will take MDS 4003 and complete a focused capstone project related to their concentration areas. A grade of C or higher is required in all concentration area courses.

B.A.A.S. in Professional Studies: The B.A.A.S. in Professional Studies is available for students who transfer into TWU from a community college with a minimum of 15 semester credit hours (SCH) of WECM (workforce education) and a minimum of 12 SCH of academic courses. Coursework must be completed prior to transfer. To complete the B.A.A.S. degree at TWU, students will complete any additional core curriculum courses required for a four-year degree, *15 SCH in a professional development concentration area, 3 hours for the multidisciplinary studies capstone, 15-18 SCH in an interdisciplinary minor or certificate program, and any electives needed to complete the 120 SCH needed for graduation; 36 upper-level SCH will be required.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Faculty

Faculty that support this division come from many academic components across the institution and can be found in their respective Area of Study (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/areas-of-study/>) faculty lists.