

Beyond Boundaries Program

Program Overview

The Beyond Boundaries Program is a two- or four-year program that allows students to be a part of an ecosystem of interdisciplinary scholars intent on problem solving through cross-discipline collaboration.

The Beyond Boundaries Program will prepare student scholars to engage in interdisciplinary teams and will center around three pillars:

1. Academic preparation for interdisciplinary work
2. Ecosystem of scholars intent on problem solving through cross-discipline collaboration
3. Ongoing support across four years at Washington University

Throughout their time in the program, students will focus on three questions:

1. What role(s) do I want to play on collaborative problem-solving teams?
2. What skills, knowledge, and partnerships are necessary for interdisciplinary work?
3. How can I use my time at Washington University to grow these skills?

Learning Objectives

Students participating in the Beyond Boundaries Program will be able to do the following:

- Describe the value of interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving.
- Apply disciplinary perspectives to interdisciplinary problem solving.
- Assemble interdisciplinary teams around a problem or subject.
- Design interventions/solutions based on interdisciplinary perspectives.
- Facilitate and organize collaborative teams.

Program Completion

Students who participate in and complete the program requirements for their first two years will receive a milestone notation on their official transcript. A description of specific program requirements can be found on the Curriculum tab of this page.

Program students then have the option to leave the program after year two or continue to participate for years three and four. Those who complete years three and four will receive an additional milestone notation on their official transcript.

The minimum grade point average requirements needed to maintain eligibility for Satisfactory Academic Progress are dictated by the specific program of study. In each case, per the requirements of 34 C.F.R. 668.34(a)(4)(ii), the federal student aid program requires a minimum of a C average to maintain eligibility for aid, but an individual degree or certificate program may have a higher minimum GPA for federal Satisfactory Academic Progress. Beyond Boundaries Program students are required to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA. To be in good academic standing in the program on a semesterly basis, students are expected to complete a minimum of 12 units per semester with a minimum 2.0 semester GPA.

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