

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies Programs

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Degree Requirements

Applicants to the BSIS degree program must have at least 45 credits of transferrable coursework (these credits can include credits previously completed through CAPS) and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale. These credits may include courses already completed toward an associate's degree. Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirement but have significant professional experience and a thoughtful plan for career change or advancement may be offered contingent admission to a bachelor's degree program.

The following Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies degrees are offered:

- Clinical Research Management
- Foundations of Counseling Psychology and Behavioral Health
- Health Care Management
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Leadership and Management
- Social Sciences
- Strategic Communications

Bachelor of Science Degrees

To receive a Bachelor of Science degree from WashU Continuing & Professional Studies (CAPS), students must be admitted to degree candidacy; complete a minimum of 120 units of college-level work with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher in all courses taken; and satisfy general education, certificate, distribution, field of study, and residency requirements. Students in BSIS programs must also complete a Community Engagement course. A designated CAPS course will fulfill this requirement.

The total number of units required for each field of study varies according to the subject. At least half of the units for the field of study must be completed at WashU. At least 30 units of advanced courses overall must be completed at WashU. Students must complete field of study requirements with grades of C- or better and an overall 2.0 GPA in all field of study courses. Up to 12 credits of study for a CAPS bachelor's degree may be taken for pass/no pass credit. (This limit does not include courses that are available only as pass/no pass.) We encourage students to use their time at WashU to augment the field of study with related course work and to explore many different areas of knowledge.

General Education Requirements*

Basic Requirements:

- CAPS-ECOMP 1110 Analytical Writing**
- CAPS-ECOMP 2030 Critical and Researched Writing**
- One additional 3-unit advanced writing course, which may be chosen from a 3000-level writing (ECOMP) course *or* a 3000-level writing-intensive course in another subject as designated by CAPS. Ideally, students would enroll in this course no later than their fourth term.
- One 3-unit course in numerical applications with a minimum grade of C-. The following courses fulfill the numerical applications requirement:
 - Any course from CAPS's Math department (CAPS-MATH), including statistics, and programming courses in CAPS's Data Studies department (CAPS-DATASTUDIES)
 - CAPS-GS 1170 Quantitative Reasoning
 - CAPS-PSYCH 3000 Introductory Psychological Statistics
- One 3-unit course bearing the tag "Moral Reasoning"
- One 3-unit course bearing the tag "Cultural Diversity." Courses that satisfy this requirement explore issues of global human diversity and the interactions among cultures.

* These requirements are effective as of fall 2025. Students admitted to CAPS programs prior to fall 2025 are expected to fulfill the requirements in place at the time of their admission.

**Students who receive a grade lower than a C- in CAPS-ECOMP 1110 taken at CAPS must repeat the course. Students who receive a grade lower than a C- in CAPS-ECOMP 2030 taken at CAPS must, in consultation with the Director of Integrated Studies and members of English Composition faculty, choose between two options to satisfy the requirement: (1) repeat the course, or (2) complete a 3-unit composition tutorial with a grade of C or higher. Students who have completed English composition courses at other colleges or universities should be well-prepared for the required writing courses at WashU Continuing & Professional Studies (CAPS). Transfer credit will be granted for this course work according to our standard transfer credit policies. All students will be assessed for writing proficiency. However, students who are new to CAPS must begin with CAPS-ECOMP 1110. Those with a strong writing background may request to take a placement test to demonstrate the skills necessary to enroll in CAPS-ECOMP 2030 instead. All students must complete CAPS-ECOMP 2030 and at least one 3000- or 4000-level writing-intensive or 3000-/4000-level writing course at CAPS. All writing-intensive courses must receive designation and approval from CAPS. 1110 and 2030 must be completed within the first three semesters of a student's enrollment in a degree-seeking program (AA or BSIS) and must be taken in consecutive semesters at CAPS. If these course requirements are not satisfied within three semesters, the student will not be permitted to register for other courses until the ECOMP course requirements are satisfied. Students who fail an ECOMP course at the time of their third-semester registration will not be able to continue their course flow until they pass the ECOMP course.

Certificate Requirement

Students in BSIS programs must complete a certificate, tailoring their degree to their educational and professional goals. In some cases, students with extensive work experience and/or a significant number of transfer credits may have the certificate requirement waived. Requests for waiving the certificate requirement are reviewed and approved by the Vice Dean on a case-by-case basis.

Distribution Requirements

27 units, 9 units in each area noted below. Each distribution area must include course work from at least two disciplines. A course that fulfills field of study requirements, basic requirements, and/or a distribution requirement can count in every area it fulfills. For example, “Facing East: An Indigenous View of Early North America” can be used as: a field of study requirement in the BSIS Humanities degree, the cultural diversity requirement, and a Humanities distribution course. Overlap limitations between a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies degree and a certificate must be maintained.

- **Humanities:** (9 units) Courses from Art History, Classics, History, Literature, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Creative Writing, Film Studies, Foreign Languages, Music, and Speech
- **Social Sciences:** (9 units) Courses from Anthropology; Economics; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- **Natural Sciences & Mathematics:** (9 units) Courses from Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Planetary Sciences, Physics, General Science, and Mathematics & Statistics