Articulation Agreement Between Oakland University and Washtenaw 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- (alpha grading system) or 2.0 (numerical grading system) 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 <u>customized</u> <u>plan of study</u> 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 WCC:

- 1. Associate degree from Washtenaw Community College:
 - a. Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, or Associate of General Studies.
- 2. The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) or OU General Education categories to ensure maximum transferability of 88 credits. *This step can be worked on before, during or after Associates degree.*

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:

The Interdisciplinary Studies major also offers <u>Law School Partnerships</u> 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 <u>Accelerated Second Degree (ASD)</u> <u>Nursing program</u>. 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) <u>self-designed interdisciplinary</u> <u>programs</u> with focuses in business leadership/communication, entrepreneurship, public health administration, creative design/writing, broadcasting, IT/cybersecurity, public service, preprofessional programs, etc. The opportunities are endless with Interdisciplinary Studies!

Students may also choose this program to <u>prepare for graduate school</u> 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 <u>bis@oakland.edu</u> or 248-370-3229 for more information regarding the program, or visit their <u>website</u>.