

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN INTEGRATED STUDIES

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## Academic Programs

The Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies degree is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students to design a curriculum to meet individual goals by connecting the Texas core curriculum, 3 academic minors, one General Studies capstone course, and appropriate supporting courses. During the last semester of senior year, BS in Integrated Studies majors will complete a capstone course (UNIV 4301) in which the student will complete a project that requires the integration of knowledge and ideas from the three areas of study.

- Students must be in good standing with at least a 2.0 overall GPA to declare a BS in Integrated Studies major.
- Prior to declaration, students must attend an information session with an academic advisor.
- Students must have senior hours, be in good academic standing, have completed their required upper level English writing course, and receive coordinator approval to register for LSTU 4301

## Available Minors

A list of all available classroom based minors for the Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies degree can be found here (<http://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-general-studies/classroom.html>), and a list of available on-line minors can be found here (<http://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-general-studies/online.html>). Certain minor combinations may not be allowed if coursework is duplicative. Please consult with the BS in Integrated Studies coordinator to ensure that the proposed combination of minors is appropriate. In keeping with the intent of minors to broaden the student's background knowledge, none of the Degree-Specific social-science courses taken may be used to satisfy the requirement of any minor.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, Major in Integrated Studies</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
Component Area I (Communication) 1st year		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) 1st or 2nd year <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) 1st or 2nd year		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History) 1st or 2nd year		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) 1st or 2nd year		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) 1st or 2nd year		4
<b>Degree Specific</b>		
CSTE 1330 or BUAD 1305	Introduction to Computers Electronic Communications Tech	3
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>		3
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing	
ENGL 3377	Argument and Persuasion	
ENGL 3378	Designing Written Documents	
ENGL 3380	Advanced Composition	
Select 15 advanced hours (3000-4000) from the following subject areas:		15
COMS, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, SPAN.		
<b>Major Core</b>		
LSTU 4301	Liberal Studies Capstone	3
Minor Area 1 - 3rd or 4th year <sup>3</sup>		18
Minor Area 2 - 3rd or 4th year <sup>1 3</sup>		18
Minor Area 3 - 3rd or 4th year <sup>3</sup>		18
Total Hours		120

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1 MATH 1332 is recommended

2 The course chosen in this block may also satisfy a requirement for a minor in English, Professional Writing, or Creative Writing

3 Some minors require more than 18 semester credit hours.

**\*Degree program title change pending action by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Integrated Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Research and decision-making abilities.
- Varied writing expertise.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- Refined reasoning skills.