

## Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIDS)

Students in the BAMDS Program are required to complete the following courses:

**120 Credits/ 40 Courses**

### Program Description:

The bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies is a 120-credit program that is designed to be a flexible option for students who are interested in studying across multiple disciplines. The BAMDS program develops academic and workplace skills for success, and knowledge across a variety of academic fields. It is ideal for students who have broad academic interests and a desire to continue enhancing their knowledge throughout their lives.

### Program Outcomes:

- Utilize special skills needed to be an online learner and an information literate individual in a technological world
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the art and discipline of critical thinking
- Apply research strategies to construct a formal paper demonstrating concept knowledge and research appropriate skills including APA citations.
- Employ the dynamics of cross-cultural communication and the meaning of cultural identity and its undercurrents
- Execute basic and advanced math functions including business statistics, formulas, algebraic expressions, and linear equations, problems involving factoring, inequalities, exponents, radicals, linear equations, functions, quadratic equations, and graphs.

### Program Composition (see table below):

- The bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies requires 14 General Education courses (42 credits), 13 Core Curriculum courses plus 1 capstone course (42 credits), and 12 Free Elective courses (36 credits). The total program is 40 courses 120 credits.

General Education Curriculum- 14 Courses		42 Credits
Open (or LRN175*)	OPEN GE Elective	3
ENG101W	English Composition I	3
PHI101W	Critical Thinking	3
MAT101W	Essentials of College Math	3
MIS225W or MIS205W	Information Systems of Today/ Management Inform System	3
INF101W	Information Literacy for College Success	3
ENG201W	English Composition II	3
MAT205W	College Algebra	3
	Arts & Humanities	6
	Natural & Physical Sciences	6
	Social Sciences	6
Core Liberal Arts Curriculum – 14 Courses (13+ Capstone)		42 Credits
	Arts & Humanities	9
	Natural & Physical Sciences	9
	Social Sciences	9
BS Capstone		
INB450W	Individual BA Capstone	3
Open Elective Courses – 12 Courses		36 Credits

## Cambridge College Global GE Requirements

### INF 101W Information Literacy for College Success - 3 credits

Required as First Course in All Undergraduate Programs. The purpose of this introductory course is to prepare students to be an online learner and an information literate individual in a technological world. The course provides an understanding of NEIB's learning technologies, support services, and necessary skills for online student success. The primary function of this course is to provide students with the necessary skills of Information Literacy which prepare students to recognize what information is needed, when it is needed and how to locate, evaluate and use it effectively. Extensive practice in using the eLibrary databases is integral in learning to be an information literate student at NEIB. The course content aligns with the national standards as established by the American Library Association and the Association of College & Research Libraries.

### ENG 101 English Composition I - 3 credits

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a solid foundation in writing and research techniques. Students will learn and apply the steps of the writing process. They will identify essay components and learn to write compelling and grammatically correct paragraphs. Writing style, pattern types, as well as strategies and guidelines for writing an effective research paper will be evaluated. Students will write an effective and grammatically correct research paper as a final project in this course.

### PHI 101 Critical Thinking - 3 credits

The purpose of this course is to provide a basic knowledge of the art and discipline of critical thinking. Students will learn the various critical thinking standards and concepts including effective critical thinking, problem solving, logical reasoning, comparative reasoning, issue analysis and the application of critical thinking standards and strategies to determine and solve practical and theoretical problems. Students will explore the application of critical thinking concepts to real world situations in an effort to understand the critical thinking process. They will develop an ability to critically analyze the formulation and posing of questions to promote well-reasoned arguments on a variety of important topics.

### MAT 101W Essentials of College Math - 3 credits

This course focuses on concepts and applications of arithmetic, including whole numbers, fractions, ratios, proportions, the decimal system, and percentages. Introductions to algebra, formulas, algebraic expressions and linear equations are also included. Special emphasis is placed on the application of basic math skills to common workplace problems and real-life situations.

### MIS 225W Information Systems Today - 3 credits

This course provides students with the information about how information technology and systems are continuing to expand within all aspects of today's organizations and society. This course serves as a basic reference for business professionals who need to know about information systems. Topics include database management, telecommunications, electronic commerce, information system ethics, and security.

ENG 201W English Composition II - 3 credits  
Prerequisite: ENG101 English Composition I

The purpose of this course is to build upon writing and research skills learned in English Composition I. Students will apply research strategies and methods for finding information and implement the steps of the writing process and appropriate research and citation methods to write research essays and papers. Students will learn to further utilize the APA Style in writing research essays and papers.

MAT 205W College Algebra - 3 credits

This course focuses on algebraic concepts essential for success in the workplace and other courses. Using real-world examples and applications, students practice fundamental operations with number systems, formulas, algebraic expressions, and linear equations. This course also explores problems involving factoring, inequalities, exponents, radicals, linear equations, functions, quadratic equations, and graphs.

\*General Education Electives, Core Curriculum Electives and General Electives can be selected from the vast options available in the Cambridge College catalog. Courses indicated with a W (i.e. SCI 280W) are operated in an 8-week fully engaged asynchronous online model.