BACHELOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Designed to accommodate the unique circumstances and needs of adult, transfer and military students, the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree:

- Offers over 50 areas of study and affords maximum flexibility of course selection and degree design. Students may choose courses and areas of study to meet individual career goals or requirements, prepare for graduate study, or satisfy personal interests and aspirations.
- Maintains its origins as a military/veteran-friendly degree and grants credit for military experience and education.
- Facilitates student success through professional, personalized academic advising services.
- Supports the geographic mobility through its residency policy and extensive array of course options. Students can take classes online, on campus, or at off-campus locations, including Offutt Air Force Base.
- Includes credit by examination provisions, enabling students to establish academic credit for acquired knowledge (e.g. CLEP, DSST).
- Allows liberal acceptance of academic transfer credit from regionally accredited postsecondary institutions.
- Offers an academic amnesty policy. This policy gives students the opportunity to improve their grade point average by retaking classes to replace low course grades earned within the University of Nebraska System.
- Permits students to complete degree requirements of the UNO Catalog under which they entered the Division of Continuing Studies, allowing unforeseen interruption of studies without changes in degree requirements.
- Features credit-granting policies for approved formal learning experiences obtained outside the college/university classroom (non-traditional credit).

To learn more about the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree, visit www.unomaha.edu/dcs (https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/division-of-continuing-studies) or schedule a meeting with an academic advisor at one of our two division of Continuing Studies locations:

- CPACS 207 | 402.554.2370 | unodcs@unomaha.edu
- Office at Offutt Air Force Base | 402.595-2371 | unooffutt@unomaha.edu

Admission Requirements

- Students must be 21 years of age to be admitted into the Division of Continuing Studies.
  Exceptions to this rule include military students; students who are "holding" for their preferred UNO academic degree/department/college, usually for the purpose of raising their grade point average; and students pursuing an area of concentration that is not represented by a UNO Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.
- Students must submit a high school transcript. Adults who have not completed high school must complete the high school equivalency examination (GED).
- ACT or SAT scores are not required.
- Active duty military personnel may be admitted prior to reaching age 21; however, military students under age 21 must submit high school transcripts and either an ACT or SAT score.
- College/university-level courses completed with a grade of C or better are usually accepted from regionally accredited colleges and universities. A maximum of 64 semester hours is accepted from two-year institutions such as community colleges.

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Requirements

To complete the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree (BMS), a student must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Twenty-four of the last 48 semester hours must be from UNO courses. Thirty hours must be upper division courses numbered 3000-4000, including 9 hours from UNO in the area of concentration. A grade of C- or above must be earned in all UNO General Education core courses and in all courses applied toward an area of concentration or an area of emphasis (non-concentration).

The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies is available through two degree plans:

The "Area of Concentration Required" plan generally requires a 30-credit area of concentration and two secondary fields of 12 credits each. The "Area of Concentration Not Required" plan requires three areas of emphasis of 15 credits each.

Concentration Required (120 hours minimum)

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<td>Each secondary field must be pure; that is, all 12 credits must be from the same discipline. The area of concentration cannot be used as a secondary field; however, the allied field (if any) may be used. A secondary field can lead to a minor.</td>
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Total Credits 125

Concentration Not Required (120 hours minimum)

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<td>Each area of emphasis must be pure; that is, all 15 credits must be from the same discipline. Six hours in two of the areas of emphasis (12 total hours) must be UNO upper division courses.</td>
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**Area of Emphasis #3**  
Select an additional area of emphasis  
15

**General Education Core**
- Intermediate Algebra 3
- Public Speaking 3
- Natural and Physical Sciences (one course with a lab) 7
- English Composition and Writing 9
- Humanities and Fine Arts 9
- Social and Behavioral Sciences 9

**Electives**  
Select an additional area of emphasis  
34

Electives may include any excess courses in general education, the area of concentration, or the secondary fields (minimum 34 hours).

**Cultural Diversity**  
Cultural diversity requirements include 3 hours in U. S. Diversity and 3 hours in Global Diversity.  
6

Total Credits  
125

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**Non-Traditional Credit**

The Division of Continuing Studies grants non-traditional credit for formal training experiences evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Board of Regents of the State of New York System (PONSI) and/or approved by the Division’s Faculty Academic Policy Committee (FAPC). A maximum of 65 hours from non-traditional sources can be used in the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Degree.

The Division of Continuing Studies does not support portfolio or non-portfolio evaluation of students’ life experiences. The Division and the FAPC rely on expert opinion to evaluate standardized training and examinations and believe that such a policy upholds the quality, integrity, and standards of the BMS Degree. When appropriate, students may be encouraged to test for credit in areas they believe they are knowledgeable.

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**Areas of Concentration**

The curriculum of each BMS Area of Concentration is determined by the faculty of the respective academic department. Area of Concentration curricular revisions are at the discretion of the academic department.

- Art
- Aviation Studies
- Behavioral Health
- Biology
- Black Studies
- Civic Leadership
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Management
- Engineering Physics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Fire Service Management
- French
- General Administration
- General Science
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Gerontology
- Healthcare Administration
- History
- Information Technology
- International Studies
- Latino / Latin American Studies
- Library Science
- Management Information Systems
- Media Communication
- Mathematics
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Nonprofit Administration
- Organizational Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Recreation and Leisure Studies
- Religion
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sustainability
- Theatre
- Urban Studies
- Women’s and Gender Studies