



*Academic Affairs*  
 Multidisciplinary Studies Major  
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Full Name: OU Student I.D.  
 Address:  
 City, State Zip:  
 Phone:  
 E-mail: Current Retention OU GPA:  
 Current OU Major/College: Current Retention Combined GPA:  
 Number of hours completed: Expected Date of Graduation:

A bachelor’s degree in Multidisciplinary Studies is an option provided for students who discover that existing OU programs do not meet their educational objectives and who wish to tailor a unique course of study to meet their individual goals. An MDS degree is an opportunity to craft a personal program of study with *rigor, coherence, and purpose*.

Total hours: 120 hours  
 Upper division hours: 48 hours  
 Minimum GPA: 2.0

The course of study must include a minimum of 30 hours major-theme credit plus a Capstone, OU’s General Education requirements, and additional elective hours to a total of at least 120 hours. At minimum 18 hours of the major credit must be at the upper division level.

The student proposes a major theme of study with a course plan in coordination with an MDS advisor. The course plan must be approved by the Provost. Following initial approval of the MDS plan, any subsequent changes or substitutions must be approved by the Provost.

While exceptions can be approved by the Provost in rare circumstances, an MDS Plan of Study should include at minimum the courses required by two minors or concentrations already approved at OU. This allows students to combine coherent course sequences, while leaving the flexibility to add other, individual courses that add to the educational experience. Students are encouraged to add complementary courses beyond the core areas to enrich their experience. Independent studies, study abroad, internships, and other forms of field experience can also add value to the MDS Plan of Study.

Students wishing to pursue an MDS degree should work in consultation with an MDS advisor to submit a Proposed Plan of Study and MDS Questionnaire to the Provost.

## Multidisciplinary Studies Degree Plan Proposal

Please complete the questions below regarding your specific degree plan and submit this application along with a current transcript to Ellison Hall Room 124 to have your plan reviewed for approval. You will be notified by e-mail regarding your plan's status once a decision is made. If you have any questions regarding this application form please call Cal Hobson Academic Services at (405) 325-4411.

What is your proposed major theme title?

Which degree are you wishing to complete?

### **Bachelor's of Arts**

### **Bachelor's of Science**

### Proposed Plan of Study

What courses would be utilized as major work for your proposed major? (The course of study must include a minimum of 30 hours major credit plus a Capstone, OU's General Education requirements, and additional elective hours to a total of at least 120 hours. At least 18 hours of the major credit must be at the upper division level. Be sure to include course departments, course numbers and course titles). Courses listed for your major work can be courses that you have completed or courses that you plan to take. Approved major plans must be completed as submitted on this form to fulfill major requirements for graduation unless there are approved changes from the Provost.

Area 1

Dept.	Course #	Title	Completed/Enrolled/Planned
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Area 2

Dept.	Course #	Title	Completed/Enrolled/Planned
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Additional Courses in the Theme

Dept.	Course #	Title	Completed/Enrolled/Planned
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## Multidisciplinary Degree Studies Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions in the space provide below. Your answers in total should occupy approximately two pages, typed, single-spaced - if you require additional space please submit the additional pages with the form.

1. Explain your reasons for selecting this specific theme and describe the educational/professional benefits that you expect to gain from designing your own degree program. Please attach any supporting documentation about graduate prerequisites, etc. that support your claims.

2. Please explain why existing OU degree programs do not fit your goals.

3. Please describe why the Plan of Study you proposed has sufficient rigor and coherence.

Reviewing Academic Counselor

Email

Phone Number

Action by the Provost or designee:

Approved

Denied

Signature:

Date: