Multidisciplinary Studies
- At a Glance -

About the Program

Western’s MDS degree provides students on the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas with a flexible academic program that incorporates past coursework, new interests, and future goals into a personalized plan of study. With this program, students work with an academic advisor to develop a thematic area that fits their needs.

Why this degree?

Students choose to pursue a Multidisciplinary Studies degree for a variety of reasons:

• Continue your education and complete your degree in your local community
• Design a customized thematic area that combines coursework from various disciplines
• Take courses that fit your interests and schedule

Program Overview

• Flexible face-to-face and online course options
• Select face-to-face courses available in Bremerton, Port Angeles, or Poulsbo
• Online term-based and self-paced courses available
• Rolling admission - students able to begin any quarter
• Transfer credits from a community college or university
• Customizable and personalized plan of study
• Program length dependent on student’s schedule

Sample Thematic Areas

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Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to Western’s Multidisciplinary Studies Program, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 90 quarter (60 semester) credits or an Associate’s Degree with a Washington State Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA).
2. Meet with the MDS Program advisor, Kathy Johnson, Kathy.Johnson@wwu.edu, to discuss possible thematic areas, degree requirements, and transfer coursework.
3. Complete any outstanding coursework required for admissions.

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Multidisciplinary Studies - How to Apply -

**Application Process**

1. **Meet with the Multidisciplinary Studies advisor**, Kathy Johnson, to determine the number of credits needed to complete the Multidisciplinary Studies degree and plan your course of study. Contact Kathy for an appointment at (360) 394-2733 or at Western.Penninsulas@wwu.edu

2. **Request an official transcript** from institutions where you’ve earned prior college credit. If you previously attended WWU, it is not necessary to provide WWU transcripts or other transcripts previously submitted to WWU. Have the official transcript sent electronically or in a sealed envelope to:

   - Western Washington University
   - Office of Admissions
   - Old Main 200, MS 9009
   - 516 High Street
   - Bellingham, WA 98225

3. **Begin your application and submit online or by mail**. The online paper application can be found at admissions.wwu.edu/extended-education.

4. **Begin your FAFSA and submit to WWU**. Learn more about financial aid, scholarships, and student employment at finaid.wwu.edu.

5. **Make a note of the application deadline(s) for Fall Quarter admission**.
   - **Priority Application Deadline**: March 1
   - **Final Application Deadline**: July 1
   - **Financial Aid (FAFSA) Priority Application Deadline**: February 15

All complete applications received by the deadline will be given full admissions consideration. After the deadline, applicants may be accepted on a space-available basis. Please contact WWU’s Office of Admissions before submitting an application after the deadline at Kathy.Johnson@wwu.edu or (360) 394-2733.

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