

**PROPOSAL FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR
(Comprehensive B.S. Degree)**

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

AU Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Semester/Year Graduating: _____

1. A Multidisciplinary Studies Major consists of baccalaureate degree requirements, 2 cognate areas, and MDS 490: Multidisciplinary Studies Capstone Experience. As a comprehensive major, the two cognate areas and the capstone experience must total at least 60 hours.
2. A cognate consists of 24 hours minimum. Of those 24 hours, at least 9 credit hours must be 300/400 level courses.
3. Students must take a minimum of 30 semester hours at Ashland University. The last 12 hours of coursework, and at least one-half of the student's work in the two cognate areas, must be taken at AU.
4. If a student plans to pursue a Multidisciplinary Studies (MDS) major, the first step is to communicate with the student's academic advisor who will coordinate with the relevant department chairs or recommended MDS Liaisons to create two individualized cognate areas based on a student's previously taken coursework and interests/career plans.
5. The advisor will submit the Proposal for Multidisciplinary Studies Major Form with all below signatures as well as the list of tentative coursework that make up the two cognate areas to the Office of the Registrar with copies to each of the MDS Liaisons and the CAS Dean's office.

I understand I will be completing a Multidisciplinary Studies Major which will consist of Cognate # 1 _____ (title), Cognate #2 _____ (title), baccalaureate degree requirements, and MDS 490: Multidisciplinary Capstone Experience. I understand I will develop a capstone project for MDS 490 in consultation with my faculty mentors starting early in the semester preceding my enrollment in MDS 490 and receive all approvals by the time of registration for the next semester.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Required signatures:

Academic Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Cognate #1 MDS Liaison: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair #1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cognate #2 MDS Liaison: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair #2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean: _____ Date: _____

**Dean: _____ Date: _____

** If cognates are from two different colleges, the signature from each Dean is required.

Multidisciplinary Studies Major Worksheet

Cognate #1 Focus:

Department	Number	Course Title	Hours

Total: (Must be at least 24 hours) hours

Cognate #2 Focus:

Department	Number	Course Title	Hours

Total: (Must be at least 24 hours) hours

MDS	490	Multidisciplinary Capstone	1 hour
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Comprehensive Major Total: (Must be at least 60 hours) hours

Core Courses

INSTITUTIONAL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

AU REQUIREMENTS		COURSES TAKEN		
Core Course	Hours	Course	Semester	Hours
Communications	3			
Composition I	3			
Composition II	3			
Math/Logic	3			
Religion	3			
Aesthetics	3			
Aesthetics	3			
Humanities	3			
Humanities	3			
Natural Sciences	3			
Natural Sciences	3			
Social Sciences	3			
Social Sciences	3			
Historical Reasoning	3			
Foreign Lang/CCI	3			
TOTAL	45 hours			TOTAL

Electives	Hours	Course	Semester	Hours

TOTAL: (Must be at least 120 hours) hours