



Interdisciplinary Studies – Peace & Conflict Studies

Degree: Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (AA)



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Program Description: Austin Community College’s Interdisciplinary Studies (INDS) Program recognizes that culture, history, politics, civil society, and religion, as well as science and technology are interwoven and interconnected. The Interdisciplinary Studies degree helps students develop critical and creative thinking skills that will prepare them to succeed in a complex, interconnected world and in a variety of professions.

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The Associate of Arts (AA) in Interdisciplinary Studies helps students develop critical and creative thinking skills that will prepare them to succeed in a complex, interconnected world and in a variety of professions. The Interdisciplinary Studies AA is designed for students who wish to continue working toward a baccalaureate degree by transferring to a four-year college or university after completion of the AA. The AA award plans combines the 42-hour core curriculum with a selected academic focus that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries and teaches students to use multiple disciplinary and academic methodologies in the exploration of existing bodies of knowledge. Students will discover and integrate interconnected ideas from different disciplines while sharpening their skills in writing, analysis, and critical and creative reading and thinking.

The **Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS)** focus engages students in various topics through the lens of human rights, social justice, conflict studies and peace processes. Issues related to these pillars are explored on the interpersonal, local, national, and international levels.

*Use this **Program MAP** to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1300 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success	3	
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	<u>Prerequisite(s):</u> TSI complete in reading and writing or exempt.
HIST 1301 - United States History I OR HIST 2327 - Mexican-American History I	3	
Mathematics	3	Select from MATH 1324, MATH 1333, or MATH 1342. Consult with an academic advisor.
Creative Arts	3	Select from ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, COMM 2366 (Introduction to Cinema topic Peace and Conflict Studies), or DRAM 1310 (Introduction to Theatre topic Peace and Conflict Studies). Consult with an academic advisor.
	15	Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II OR	3	<u>Prerequisite(s):</u> ENGL 1301 or equivalent with minimum grade of C. Select English Composition II topic Peace and Conflict Studies.
ENGL 2311 - Technical and Business Writing		
American History	3	Select from HIST 1302, HIST 2328, or HIST 2381. Consult with an academic advisor.
PHIL 2306 - Ethics	3	
PSYC 2301 - Introduction to Psychology	3	Select Introduction to Psychology topic Peace and Conflict Studies.

GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
	15	Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor
Semester 3		
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3	Select from ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, HIST 2311, HIST 2312, HUMA 1301, HUMA 1302, HUMA 1315, or PHIL 1304 (Introduction to Comparative Religion topic Peace and Conflict Studies). Consult with an academic advisor.
Restricted Elective	3	Select from ANTH 2351, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, HIST 2341, SOCI 1306, or SOCW 2361. Consult with an academic advisor.
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Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from ANTH 2301, BIOL 1408, BIOL 2206/BIOL 2106, BIOL 2306, ENVR 1301, ENVR 1302, GEOG 1301, GEOL 1301, or GEOL 1305. Consult with an academic advisor.
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
	15-16	Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor
Semester 4		
PACS Restricted Elective	3	Select from ENGL 2307- PACS (Creative Writing topic Prose Nonfiction: Digital Storytelling topic Peace and Conflict Studies), PHIL 1304 - PACS (Introduction to Comparative Religion topic Peace and Conflict Studies), DRAM 1310 - PACS (Introduction to Theatre topic Peace and Conflict Studies), COMM 2366 - PACS (Film Appreciation topic Peace and Conflict Studies), SOCI 2319, or SPCH 1318. Consult with an academic advisor.
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PSYC 2389 - Academic Cooperative	3	Capstone course. Select Academic Cooperative topic Peace and Conflict Studies: Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Internship ACHIEVEMENT: Associate of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in Peace and Conflict Studies
	15-16	Program Semester Hours
Total Program Hours: 60-62		

Please always check online at catalog.austinctt.edu or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career & Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

www.austincc.edu/career

www.austincc.edu/transfer

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies programs provide a transfer pathway to a 4-year college or university where students can earn a bachelor's degree. The Interdisciplinary Studies degree plans cover the core curriculum; students can use this as the foundation for an array of 4-year degrees suited to their interests. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

Transfer Guides: *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

The University of Texas at Austin: <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

Texas State University: <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg>

Texas A&M University: <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

Southwestern University: <http://www.southwestern.edu/departments/res/>

University of Texas at Dallas: <https://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/transfer/plans/>

The University of Texas at San Antonio: https://www.utsa.edu/advice/1617_transfer/acc.html

Reverse Transfer: If you transfer to a four-year institution prior to graduating from ACC, you can still earn your associate degree through reverse transfer. More information on the reverse transfer process and requirements can be found at www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer.

Additional Transfer Resources: ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities:

<http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

Career Information

Because Interdisciplinary Studies degree programs guide students toward a broad range of courses, your career options are nearly limitless. You can either pursue a bachelor's degree in one of the areas of specialty, or you can pursue degrees in another discipline. In any case, you will be able to view the world as a well-informed global citizen. In our increasingly complex world, employers are seeking people who are not only educated and skilled, but also have the ability to learn new information, think critically, and know what questions to ask. The broad curriculum of INDS encourages you to get deeply engaged in issues of importance to humanity, and equips you to address them creatively by drawing from a variety of disciplines.

Career and labor market research tools (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Career Resources: ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.