Multidisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies is excellent for those who have academic credit in a variety of disciplines. Candidates for this program ordinarily are not on-track for a traditional major and often have a significant career path established. The major is established through college credits you have earned and/or will earn in four different academic disciplines. No prior earned associate degree is needed to complete this degree. Students with at least 90 semester hours may need only 30 semester hours of study with Siena Heights University to earn a bachelor’s degree. A minimum of 15 semester hours is needed in each of the academic disciplines listed below:

**Humanities**
including courses in:
- Art
- Communication Arts
- English
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

**Natural Sciences/Math**
including courses in:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Info Systems
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Physics
  (one must be a lab science)

**Social Sciences**
including courses in:
- Economics
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

**Applied Science/Professional Studies**
including courses in:
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice Education
- Office Administration
- Social Work

Students will need to complete 15 semester hours of the major at Siena Heights University at the 300–400 level distributed over 3 of the 4 disciplines listed above.

“After 5 years of hard work and with the support of my family, friends, and co-workers, I succeeded in obtaining my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. In the future I plan to obtain a master’s degree and hope that by helping others understand the importance of higher education, I will impact their lives the way education has impacted mine.”

— Kasha Lowe
2007 SHU Graduate
Learning Outcomes

The Multidisciplinary Studies program provides an opportunity for students to pull together several years of previous college experience in a variety of academic disciplines. Students in the Multidisciplinary Studies program will reflect the following competencies:

• Communication: the ability to express ideas in writing, verbally and visually

• Creativity: the ability to develop original ideas or use common solutions in unique ways

• Analytical ability: the skill to effectively separate a complex problem into its component parts in order to identify solutions

• Integrative thinking: the ability to detect interrelationships among component parts and assess their importance in creating solutions

These are skills employers seek and a cornerstone of the Multidisciplinary Studies program.

“I believe that lifelong learning is the model for the 21st century. There is a plethora of modalities by which we not only gather information but by which we experience life. All of these experiences and knowledge continually shape our opinions, attitudes, and competencies. As a teacher I see my role to challenge my students and myself to continually scan our environment for new ways of thinking and acting. In this sense we are ‘co-learners’ in the cycle of life.”

— Dr. James Sam
Associate Professor
Social Sciences
Bachelor of Arts Degree

Arts & Humanities .............................................15 semester hours
  Art, Communication Arts, English, Foreign Language, History, Music, Philosophy, and Religious Studies

Natural Science and Mathematics ........15 semester hours
  Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Systems, Physical Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physical Anthropology, Physics, and must include one Lab Science.

Social & Behavioral Science .................15 semester hours
  Cultural Anthropology, Economics, Cultural Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

Applied Science and Professional Studies ..................................15 semester hours

Total for Major .............................................60 semester hours
  15 of which must be taken at Siena Heights University at the 300-400 level distributed over 3 of 4 categories

Liberal Arts
  Students transferring 60 or more semester hours: .........................20-22 semester hours
  Students transferring less than 60 semester hours:.............................38-41 semester hours

General Electives
  For students transferring in more than 60 semester hours.........................38-40 semester hours
  For students transferring in less than 60 semester hours.......................19-22 semester hours

Total for Degree .............................................120 semester hours

NOTE: No grades below a 2.0 g.p.a. allowed in the major
NOTE: No “Developmental Credit” as defined by courses numbered below 100 allowed in the major

Graduate College

Graduate education is an integral part of Siena’s mission: to assist people to become more competent, purposeful and ethical. The Graduate College challenges individuals to identify, refine and achieve their personal goals, and to articulate a personal philosophy of life. All in the context of its mission of integrating theory into practice. Siena Heights offers a Master of Arts in Counselor Education, Education, and Leadership as well as a Specialist of Arts in Education Leadership.

For more information visit our website at www.graduatecollege.sienaheights.edu, call us at 877.438.1596, or email us at graduatecollege@sienaheights.edu.

Accreditation

Siena Heights University is a Catholic, co-educational university founded in the liberal arts tradition by the Adrian Dominican Congregation in 1919. The main campus in Adrian enrolls about 1,200 students in full-time and part-time study leading to associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Siena Heights University is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and holds membership in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, The Council of Independent Colleges, and the Association of Governing Boards.

For more information about the Multidisciplinary program at Siena Heights University please call the admissions office at (800) 521-0009, or email us at admissions@sienaheights.edu.