



**LIBERAL ARTS**

**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.

The **Mexican-American/Chicano Studies (MACS)** focus immerses students in the history, literature, art, culture, politics, language and human experiences of Mexican-Americans/Chicanos.

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

| Pre-Degree Requirements   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Program Specific  | Reading and Writing Placement<br><i>Placements based on TSI</i>  | Mathematics Placement<br><i>Placements based on TSI</i>  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATD-0332 - Basic Math Skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATD-042x/032x – ALEKS Sequence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATD-0385/0485 – Developing Mathematical Thinking*<br/>                     *<i>Not prerequisite for MATH-1314/1324</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATD-0370 – Elementary Algebra**</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATD-0390 – Intermediate Algebra**<br/>                     **<i>Take MATD-0370 and 0390 to prepare for MATH-1314/1324</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b><br><i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i> |  |  |

| Semester 1   | CR           | Advising Notes  |
|--|--------------|---|
| EDUC 1100 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success             | 1            |   |
| ENGL 1301 - English Composition I  | 3            |   |
| HIST 2327 - Mexican-American History I                                     | 3            |   |
| HUMA 1301 - Humanities: Prehistory to Renaissance                          | 3            |   |
| SPAN 1411 - Spanish I  | 4            |   |
|  | <b>14</b>    | <b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor</b>  |
| Semester 2   |              |   |
| ENGL 1302 - English Composition II   | 3            |   |
| HIST 2328 - Mexican-American History II                                    | 3            |   |
| HUMA 1311 - Mexican-American Fine Arts Appreciation                        | 3            |   |
| GOVT 2305 - United States Government                                       | 3            |   |
| SPAN 1412 - Spanish II   | 4            |   |
|  | <b>16</b>    | <b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>  |
| Semester 3   |              |   |
| ENGL 2351 - Mexican-American Literature                                    | 3            |   |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences   | 3            | Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor. |
| Life and Physical Sciences   | 3-4          | Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor. |
| GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government                               | 3            |   |
| SPAN 2311 - Spanish III OR<br>SPAN 2313 - Spanish III for Spanish Speakers | 3            |   |
|  | <b>15-16</b> | <b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>  |

| Semester 4  |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Mathematics   | 3            | Select MATH 1314, MATH 1332, or MATH 1342. Consult with an academic advisor.   |
| Life and Physical Sciences  | 3-4          | Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor.  |
| GOVT 2311 - Mexican American Politics   | 3            |  |
| SPAN 2312 - Spanish IV <b>OR</b><br>SPAN 2315 - Spanish IV for Spanish Speakers | 3            |  |
| Core Restricted Elective  | 3            | Select from the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor.<br><b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Mexican American/Chicano Studies |
|   | <b>15-16</b> | <b>Program Semester Hours</b>  |
| <b>Total Program Hours:</b>   |              | <b>60-62</b>   |

Please always check online at [austincc.edu/catalog](http://austincc.edu/catalog) 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](http://www.austincc.edu/career)
- [www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://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.

## 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:** <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html>

**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/advise/1617\\_transfer/acc.html](https://www.utsa.edu/advise/1617_transfer/acc.html)

**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.