

**LIBERAL ARTS**

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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 **American Studies** focus allows students to examine the historical, political, legal, economic, and cultural life of the United States. The American Studies focus requires students to take courses in U.S. History or Texas History, Contemporary Social Problems, American Minorities or Drug Use and Abuse, plus courses selected from Court Systems and Practices, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, American Literature, Introduction to Mass Communication, Critical Issues in Journalism, Macroeconomics, and Microeconomics.

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
<b>SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b> <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	3	
Mathematics	3	Select MATH 1314, MATH 1332, or MATH 1342. Consult with an academic advisor.
ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor</b>
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	<u>Prerequisite(s)</u> : ENGL 1301 or equivalent with minimum grade of C.
HIST 1302 – United States History II	3	
Creative Arts	3	Select from the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor.
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
SOCI 1306 - Contemporary Social Problems	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>

Semester 3		
ENGL 2327 - American Literature: Beginnings through Civil War	3	Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1302 or equivalents with minimum grade of C.
SOCI 2319 - American Minorities <b>OR</b> SOCI 2340 - Drug Use and Abuse	3	
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor.
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
HIST 2301 - History of Texas	3	
	15-16	Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor
Semester 4		
ENGL 2328 - American Literature: Civil War to the Present	3	Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1302 or equivalents with minimum grade of C.
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the Core Curriculum Course List. Consult with an academic advisor.
CRIJ 1306 - Court Systems and Practices <b>OR</b> CRIJ 1310 - Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	
COMM 1307 - Introduction to Mass Communications <b>OR</b> COMM 2302 - Critical Issues in Journalism	3	
GOVT 2389 - Internship in Government <b>OR</b> ECON 2301 – Principles of Macroeconomics	3	Prerequisite(s): GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306.  <b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on American Studies
	15-16	Program Semester Hours
Total Program Hours: 60-62		

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.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](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.

## Interdisciplinary Studies – American Studies

### 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/advise/1617\\_transfer/acc.html](https://www.utsa.edu/advise/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](http://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.