

GENERAL STUDIES: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The courses that fulfill the Interdisciplinary Studies area of emphasis stem from the liberal arts/studies perspective by providing a breadth of knowledge and examining a diverse array of academic disciplines. The coursework is designed to enable students to: explore how knowledge across multiple disciplines is interrelated; think critically and creatively; write and speak clearly, coherently, and thoughtfully; read, understand, and evaluate all forms of text; evaluate the positive value and essential role of diversity, and formulate their own goals for continued learning and inquiry based on a foundation of intellectual curiosity. The program aligns well with and provides future elementary or special teachers with the foundational knowledge needed to become effective educators.

To obtain an AA in General Studies degree with an emphasis in Interdisciplinary Studies, students are required to:

1. [Complete Moorpark College's General Education requirements to include areas 1-7 or the California General Education Transfer Curriculum \(Cal-GETC\).](#)
2. [Complete a minimum of 18 units in the area of emphasis. Each course in the area of emphasis must be completed with a grade of "C" or better \(or a "P"\). Courses in the area of emphasis may also be used to fulfill general education requirements, but the units may count only once.](#)

Note: [Universities have limitations on the number of units that can be taken "Pass/No-Pass"; therefore, it is strongly recommended that students take all major coursework for a letter grade.](#)

3. [Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units. Students intending to transfer will need to complete 60 CSU or UC transferable units.](#)

4. [Complete requirements in scholarship \(2.0 minimum cumulative degree-applicable GPA\).](#)

5. [Complete a minimum of 12 semester units within the Ventura County Community College District.](#)

NOTE: [Students planning to transfer to a four-year university are advised to choose courses that meet the lower division major preparation and general education requirements for their chosen university in consultation with a college counselor.](#)

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Select and complete at least 18 units from the following		
ARTH C1100	Survey of Art from Prehistory to the Medieval Era	3
ARTH C1200	Survey of Art from the Renaissance to Contemporary	3
ARTH M100 or ARTH M100H	Understanding Art Honors: Understanding Art	3
ARTH M130	History of Art: Asian	3
ARTH M150	History of Western Art: Modern through Contemporary	3
BIOL M01	Introduction to Biology	4
BIOL M16 & M16L	Human Biology and Human Biology Lab	3, 1

CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3
or PSY M04	Child Psychology	
or PSY M07	Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)	
CD M03 or CD M03H	Child, Family, and Community Honors: Child, Family, and Community	3
CD M05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD/EDU M08	Children's Art within a Multicultural Perspective	3
CD M10	Language Arts and Literacy in Early Childhood Education	3
or ENGL M40	Children's Literature	
CD M23	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3
COMM C1000 or COMM C1000H	Introduction to Public Speaking Introduction to Public Speaking - Honors	3
DANC M24 & MUS M24	Introduction to Dance Education and Introduction to Music Education	1.5, 1.5
EDU M02	Introduction to Elementary Teaching	3
EDU M08	Children's Art within a Multicultural Perspective	3
EDU M10	Developing Literacy in Diverse Classrooms	3
ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	4
ENGL C1001 or ENGL C1001H	Critical Thinking and Writing Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	3
ENGL C1003 or ENGL C1003H	Critical Thinking and Writing through Literature Critical Thinking and Writing through Literature - Honors	4
ENGL M13A	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENGL M13B	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENGL M15A	Survey of English Literature I	3
ENGL M15B	Survey of English Literature II	3
ENGL M30A	Masterpieces of World Literature I	3
ENGL M30B	Masterpieces of World Literature II	3
ENGL M40	Children's Literature	3
GEOG M03 or GEOG M03H	World Regional Geography Honors: World Regional Geography	3
GEOL M121	Earth Science with Lab	4
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877	3
HIST M131	African American History to 1877	3
HIST M150	World History: From Prehistory to 1500	3
MATH M10	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3
MATH M11	College Algebra for the Liberal Arts	3
MATH M12	Mathematical Reasoning for Liberal Arts	3
MUS M08 or MUS M08H	Music Appreciation Honors: Music Appreciation	3
PHSC M01 & M01L	Principles of Physical Science and Principles of Physical Science Laboratory	3, 1
POLS C1000 or POLS C1000H	American Government and Politics American Government and Politics - Honors	3
STAT C1000 or STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics Introduction to Statistics - Honors	4

or PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
or SOC M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
THA M01	Introduction to Theatre	3
or THA M01H	Honors: Introduction to Theatre	

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Total Units for the Area of Emphasis		18
Moorpark College General Education Pattern		24
Double-Counted Units		0 - 18
Elective Units		18 - 36
OR		
Cal-GETC Pattern		34
Double-Counted Units		0 - 18
Elective Units		8 - 26
Total Units for the AA Degree		60

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- demonstrate the preparation to pursue further study in a related major at the baccalaureate level.
- demonstrate the proficiency in the research, analytical, and communication skills necessary to present a critical analysis.