The Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies (BSMS) is one of three undergraduate interdisciplinary degrees offered by the Division of Multidisciplinary Programs. It remains distinct from the other interdisciplinary degrees (the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences and the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies) in that students can select areas of study from any of Stephen F. Austin State University’s colleges.

Unlike a traditional degree offered by the university, students pursuing the BSMS degree will work with faculty to design a degree plan consisting of three areas of study. Each area of study will require a total of 18 academic hours (12 of which must be upper division – 300 to 400 level – coursework). The areas of study that will be combined for this degree must be complimentary of one another. Students wishing to pursue this degree must be able to demonstrate how these areas can be logically, academically, and professionally integrated.

In most cases, students may include areas of study from any of the academic programs that currently offer minors. However, there are some noted exceptions. First, only those students pursuing the Physical Science Secondary Teaching Certification degree may include Secondary Education as one of the three areas of study. Second, only one area of study within any degree plan can be based on a defined interdisciplinary minor (a list of these minors can be obtained from the Division of Multidisciplinary Programs).

What is the admission process to this program of study?
Students interested in pursuing the BSMS degree must meet the following prerequisite requirements:

1) Students must have a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible for the program.
2) Students must meet with the Division Director before changing their major to the BSMS program. The result of this meeting will be a multidisciplinary plan of study that will outline the requirements for each of the three areas of study.

What are the specific requirements necessary for me to succeed in this program?
Students admitted to the BSMS program must meet and maintain compliance with the following standards:

1) All BSMS students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
2) All BSMS students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher in each of the three areas of study.
3) Students must complete ENG 273, AAS 300, and AAS 498 with a grade of C or higher.

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