

### School of Interdisciplinary Studies & Professional Development (ISPD)

**Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS):** Students completing the BLS take 36 hours of coursework from three of six academic areas (12 hours in each area; 6 hours of each area must be at the 300/400 level) to design their own general studies degree. Specific course prefixes in each academic area are found below.

Please see undergraduate bulletin for additional requirements: [https://catalog.usm.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=28&pooid=14480](https://catalog.usm.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=28&pooid=14480)

#### BLS Prefix Groups\*

Arts & Media		Business & Economic Development		Health & Education		Humanities & Communication		Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies		Science & Engineering	
ARE	Art Education	ACC	Accounting	CEC	Cooperative Ed. Work Term	CMS	Communication Studies	ANT	Anthropology	ACT	Architectural Engineering Technology
ART	Art	BA/GBA	Business Administration	CHS/DPH	Community Health/Public Health	COM	Communication	AIS	American Indian Studies	AEC	Architecture Engineering-Construction
DAN	Dance	ED	Economic Development	CIE	Curriculum Instrut. Elem Ed.	ENG	English	AMS	American Studies	AST	Astronomy
DED	Dance Education	ENTR	Entrepreneurship	CIP	Curriculum & Instr. for Primary	FL	Foreign Languages	AOS	Aerospace Studies	BCT	Construction Engineering Technology
EI	Entertainment Industry	FIN	Finance	CIR	Curriculum & Instr. Reading	FRE	French	APT	Applied Technology Leadership	BEE	Biological, Enviv. & Earth Sciences
FLM	Film	MER/FM	Merchandising	CIS	Curriculum & Instr. Secondary Ed.	GER	German	BLKS	Black Studies	BSC	Biological Sciences
ID	Interior Design	HTM/TM	Hosp/Tourism	CISE	Curriculum, Instr. & Special Ed.	HIS	History	CD	Child Development	CE	Computer Engineering
MEA	Media and Entertainment Arts	HRM	Human Resource Management	EDU	Education	HON	Honors College	CJ	Criminal Justice	CET	Computer Engineering Technology
MED	Music Education	IB	International Business	HE	Higher Education Administration	HUM	Humanities	ECO	Economics	CHE	Chemistry & Biochemistry
MUP	Music Performance	LDR	Leadership	HHS/COH	Health and Human Services/College of Health	IS	International Studies	FAM	Family Relations	COA	Coastal Sciences
MUS	Music	MGT	Management	HPR*	Human Performance & Recreation	LS	Learning Skills	FCS	Family & Consumer Science	COS	Computational Sciences
THE	Theatre	MIS	Management Information Systems	*HPR	Health Professions and Rehabilitation Science	MCJ	Mass Comm & Journalism	HCD	Human Capital Development	CS	Computer Science (Gulf coast)
		MKT	Marketing	ITD/IT/BTE/BED	Instructional Technology	PHI	Philosophy	IDS	Interdisciplinary Studies	CSC	Computer Science
		REI	Real Estate & Insurance	KIN	Kinesiology	REL	Religion	LGL	Legal Studies	CSS	Computer Science and Statistics
		SM	Sport Management	LIS	Library & Information Sciences	SPA	Spanish	MSL/MS	Military Science	ECET	Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology
				NFS/FN	Nutrition & Food Systems	UNV	University Studies	NPS	Nonprofit Studies	EET	Electronics Engineering Technology
				NSG	Nursing			PLS	Paralegal Studies	ENT	Engineering Technology
				REF	Research and Ed. Foundations			PS	Political Science	ESC	Environmental Sciences
				SHS	Speech & Hearing Sciences			PSY	Psychology	FSC	Forensic Science
				SME	Science Education			SOC	Sociology	GHY	Geography
				SPE	Special Education			SSGS	Social Science	GLY	Geology
				THY	Therapy			SUS	Sustainable Studies	HYD	Hydrographics
				TOE	Technical & Occupational Ed.			SWK	Social Work	IET	Industrial Engineering Technology
								WL	World Languages	ITC	Information Technology
								WS	Women's Studies	MAR	Marine Science
								WGS	Women's and Gender Studies	MAT	Mathematics
								WTD	Workforce Training Development	MLS	Medical Laboratory Science
										OE	Ocean Engineering
										PHY	Physics
										PSC	Polymer Science
										PSE	Polymer Science & Engineering
										TOX	Toxicology

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\* Please note that prefixes may be added or deactivated each academic year as programs update their curriculum. Please talk to an advisor in ISPD for the most up to date information.