This Guide is intended for the use of students who plan on transferring from East Central College (ECC) with a completed Associate in Arts to the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) to pursue a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies is an individualized program that allows students to design their major in an area that does not exist as a current degree path at UMSL. With the help of an UMSL advisor, the student plans his or her own curriculum of courses, including courses from at least three different areas of study. This curriculum proposal is then submitted for approval by the UMSL Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Once approved, the proposed list of courses becomes the student major requirements that, along with the University’s other common general education and degree requirements, must be completed to graduate with the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies.

ECC students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies after transferring should complete the requirements of the Associate in Arts as directed by their ECC Advisor. Within these requirements they should also complete courses that could apply towards their prospective Interdisciplinary Studies program upon transferring. Students should meet with the UMSL Interdisciplinary Studies advisor, Sylvia Harris, to find out if this program is right for them and for ECC course recommendations. She can be reached at (314) 516-5501 or sharris@umsl.edu to schedule an appointment.

More information on the UMSL Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program can be found here.

For any questions regarding this guide please contact the UMSL Office of Admissions at (314) 516-5451.