

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BA

The ACE BA program in Interdisciplinary Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program designed for adult students (age 25 or over) returning to Roosevelt University to complete a BA degree. The program provides a solid foundation in interdisciplinary studies and allows students to select their own area of concentration, in consultation with an advisor. As part of this concentration, students will take between 15-18 credits in a discipline (e.g., business, criminal justice, health care administration, psychology).

Students will take a portfolio development class that will propose credit for prior learning, potentially granting them general education credit for prior training and professional experience. Students may earn up to 25% of their degree through credit for prior learning, as long as their final 30 credit hours are completed at Roosevelt University. In the portfolio, students explain their prior experiences and describe how these match the expected student outcomes of an existing college course. The portfolio will then be assessed for corresponding credit by an advisor or faculty member in the academic discipline corresponding to the course(s) for which students are proposing prior learning credit.

Students may also demonstrate prior learning credit via standardized tests administered by an academically-recognized entity (i.e. – CLEP, AP, IB, DSST), workforce training that is recognized by the American Council on Education, or through Roosevelt recognition of non-credit workshops or trainings in consultation with an advisor.

Graduates of the ACE program will have a BA degree that renders them eligible for career advancement and/or graduate work in their chosen field of study.

Students in the ACE program complete four required courses along with any general education courses for which they have not earned college-level credit, plus 15-18 credit hours in one of four areas of concentration: Psychology, Organizational Leadership, Criminal Justice, or Health Science Administration. Given the highly individualized nature of the program of study that the ACE program allows students to design, regular consultation with an academic advisor will be necessary to establish the best path to degree.

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA overall, and must earn a C- or better in all ACE courses and meet discipline-specific grade minimums in their chosen area of concentration.

ACE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CORE		
ACE 110	RETURN TO LEARNING	3
ACE 300	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY, & WORLD	3
ACE 301	REFLECTIVE LEARNING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT	3
ACE 302	SENIOR SEMINAR CAPSTONE	3
Total Credit Hours		12

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 1: Organizational Leadership		
CORE COURSES		
MGMT 358	ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR	3
OLED 320	INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	3
OLED 330	FOUNDATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP	3
OLED 360	EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING	3
OLED 380	STRATEGY, VISION, & PLANNING	3
OLED 335	ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE	3
or MGMT 388	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	
Total Credit Hours		18

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 2: Criminal Justice		
CORE COURSES		
CJL 200	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
Electives		
Three Criminal Justice electives at the 300-level		9
Two Criminal Justice electives at the 200-level or higher		6
Total Credit Hours		18

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 3: Health Science Administration		
Required		
HSAD 351	INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SERVICES	3
HSAD 353	MEDICAL ETHICS AND THE LAW	3
HSAD 360	INTRAPROFESSIONAL TEAMS	3
HSAD 363	HEALTH DISPARITIES	3
Select 2 Electives from the following:		
HSAD 365	HEALTH SCIENCE INFORMATICS AND DATA SCIENCE	3
HSAD 370	HEALTHCARE BUDGETING AND REPORTING	3
HSAD 250	PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND IDEAS	3
HSAD 352	HEALTH POLICY	3
OLED 320	INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	3
DSIT 103	INTRODUCTION TO DATA ANALYTICS	3
Total Credit Hours		30

Area 4: Psychology REQUIREMENTS

- Six courses in Psychology, including a course in Introductory Psychology (PSYC 103 (<https://catalog.roosevelt.edu/search/?P=PSYC%20103>) INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY).
- At least two courses must be at the 300 level.
- Students must select courses from at least two different core areas (see list below); the remainder are electives.
- Those interested in future graduate study in clinical/counseling psychology should take PSYC 285 (Research Methods) as an elective and PSYC 201 (Abnormal) as an Area class.
- At least two courses must be taken at Roosevelt University, one at the 300 level.

- All courses in the minor must be completed with grades of C- or higher. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all courses in the minor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Course in all Psychology Core Areas		3
PSYC 103	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	
Select two (2) courses from at least two different Areas below. The remaining three (3) courses are electives and can be any offered by the Psychology Department.		15
PSYC 316	LEARNING	
PSYC 326	COGNITIVE PROCESSES	
PSYC 336	BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR	
Area 2: Social/Diversity Psychology		
PSYC 211	PSYCHOLOGY STUDY OF RACISM	
PSYC 220	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 345	PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER	
Area 3: Human Development/Individual Difference		
PSYC 243	THEORIES OF PERSONALITY	
PSYC 254	CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE	
Area 4: Applied/Clinical Psychology		
PSYC 201	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 215	LEARNING & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	
PSYC 319	CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
PSYC 344	INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 347	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 351	LAW AND PSYCHOLOGY	
Total Credit Hours		18

CORE Requirements (General Education)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
First Year Success Course or Transfer Success Course		
FYS 101	FIRST YEAR SUCCESS COURSE	1
or TRS 101	TRANSFER SUCCESS 101	
Communication Requirement		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
COMM 101	PUBLIC SPEAKING (or program specific CORE communications course)	3
Ideas of Social Justice		
3 credits in coursework categorized as Ideas.		3
Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts ^{2,3}		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Communication and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ¹	3
Science		

One biological science and one physical science required (one must include a one credit lab). 7-8

Social Sciences^{2,3}

9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies 9

Experiential Learning

6 credits from coursework categorized as Experiential Learning. 6

Total Credit Hours 47-48

¹ Higher level of Math may be required by major

² Coursework must come from outside of students' major discipline

³ A maximum of 9 credits can be applied from a single discipline towards humanities and social science requirements

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees.

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.
- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 70 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students earning less than 60 total hours in residence must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your specific degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

The Degree Map below assumes a part-time student who begins at Roosevelt with 72 credit hours completed pursuing a Criminal Justice concentration; students with more/fewer credits or different general education courses completed will have different specific requirements. Your individual Degree Plan in RU Access, developed in consultation with your academic advisor, will offer the best guidance.

Year 1		
Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
ACE 110	3 ENG 102 or HUMANITIES ELECTIVE	3
ENG 101 or HUMANITIES ELE	3 CJL 200 or 300 LEVEL ELECT	3

CJL 200	3 Ideas of Social Justice or Science req ⁴	3
9		9

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
CJL 200 or 300 LEVEL ELECTIVE	3 CJL 3XX	
COMM 101 or OR HUMANITIES I	3 MATH 110, SCIENCE REQ, or OR GENERAL ELE	3
ACE 300	3 Experiential Learning #1 ²	3
9		6

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
CJL 3XX	3 CJL 3XX	
CJL 300 or General Elective ¹	3 CJL 3XX or General Elective ¹	3
ACE 301	3 ACE 302 ²	3
9		6

Total Credit Hours 48

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The Degree Map below assumes a full-time student who begins at Roosevelt with 30 credit hours completed pursuing a concentration in Criminal Justice Studies; students with more/fewer credits or different general education requirements completed will have different specific requirements. Your individual Degree Plan in RU Access, developed in consultation with your academic advisor, will offer the best guidance.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
FYS 101	1 ENG 102	3
ENG 101	3 CJL 220	3
CJL 200	3 Ideas of Social Justice	3
Social Sciences #1	3 MATH 110	3
Humanities #1	3 BIOL 111 or 112 ⁴	4
Physical Science ⁴	3	
16		16

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
CJL 240	3 CJL 230	3
Humanities #2	3 CJL 250	3

Social Science #2	3 General Elective ¹	3
COMM 101	3 Humanities #3	3
General Elective ¹	3 Social Science #3	3
15		15

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
CJL 300	3 CJL 310	3
CJL 305	3 CJL 330	3
Experiential Learning #1 ²	3 CJL 3XX ³	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
15		15

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
CJL 355	3 CJL 390 (Experiential Learning #2)	3
CJL 3XX ³	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	1
15		13

Total Credit Hours 120

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.
- ² Experiential Learning class must be 200/300 level. Satisfies CORE Experiential Learning requirement. EXL courses can satisfy major requirements/electives or CORE requirement.
- ³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- ⁴ One Natural Science course must have a lab.