INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BS

New College’s emphasis on student choice and responsibility promotes the creativity, flexibility and adaptability necessary for effective participation in the emergent communities of the future.

Admission into the Program

Applications are available at http://nc.as.ua.edu/degree-program/applying-to-new-college/. The admission process is separate from and in addition to admission to The University of Alabama. Two factors are taken into consideration when making a decision for admission: the degree of motivation and serious intellectual independence exhibited by the applicant and the potential for the University to meet the applicant’s academic goals. For details on the admissions process, please refer to the New College website.

Students complete the bachelor of arts (BA) or the bachelor of science (BS) degree depending on the area in which the depth study is done. Students also complete all University, College of Arts and Sciences and New College requirements. This includes the general education requirements, the following New College requirements and other sufficient credits to total 120 applicable semester hours.

New College requires the successful completion of the following courses and activities:

**NEW 100** Intro Interdisc Integrativ Stdy 2
**NEW 495** Capstone Sem & Senior Project 2
**NEW electives 200 level and above** 8-12
**NEW electives 400 level and above** 6-12

**Individualized depth study** 33-39

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 51-67

**Ancillary Courses**

Students pursuing a bachelor of science (BS) degree must also complete the following:

MATH 125 or Calculus I 4
MATH 145 Honors Calculus I

**Total Hours** 55-71

1 Courses that satisfy the general education requirement will fulfill the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics requirements. Students pursuing a BS degree are required to complete MATH 125 Calculus I or MATH 145 Honors Calculus I or higher.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Office of University Registrar explanation of grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses must be earned on this campus.

Required Minor

Students complete a New College depth study and are not required to complete a minor program of study.

Additional New College Requirements

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 42 semester hours while enrolled in New College. In addition, students are required to undergo a third-year program review. As part of their general education experience, New College requires students to complete six to eight hours of core designated foreign language courses.

Integrative Seminars

The five seminars introduce students to the major areas of liberal arts study in one of three integrative themes: environment, sustainability and conservation; creativity and culture; and social problems and social change. The seminars required for graduation are arranged in two levels. The level I seminars are designed for entering students (usually freshmen and sophomores) while the level II seminars are designed for upper-level students. All students must complete five seminars with at least one seminar in each theme, including two level I seminars from different themes and two level II seminars in any theme. A minimum grade of C- is required for each integrative seminar. Transfer credit cannot be applied to seminar requirements. All five required seminars must be taken through New College.

Out-of-class Learning/Independent Study

New College has a strong commitment to provide students opportunities to pursue their academic interests outside of the classroom through out-of-class learning experiences for credit. In these out-of-class learning/ independent study experiences, an agreement (or contract) is made among the student, the project director and New College. The contract is a clear, concise statement that includes the course area, topic or problem the student intends to study, along with the bibliography, plans for evaluating the study and the anticipated outcomes of the study. New College students are encouraged to take at least one Independent Study as part of their depth study.

New College LifeTrack

LifeTrack is a blended distance program. Most courses are online and independent study. There are some on-campus course experiences as well. LifeTrack offers a B.A. or B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Students must be 25 years or older; have a high school diploma or a GED score of 50 or higher if taken prior to January 2002 and 500 or higher if taken after January 2002; have educational goals attainable through the LifeTrack program; be able to assume the primary responsibility for learning; and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher on all previous college work. New College and the College of Continuing Studies 305 Martha Parham Hall
learnon.ua.edu
bambaydistance.ua.edu

**Admission into the Program**

Interested students should apply for admission to The University of Alabama and designate New College LifeTrack as the program type. For more information concerning admissions procedures, write to The University of Alabama, New College LifeTrack, Box 870388, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0388; call (205) 348-6000; email aoinfo@ccs.ua.edu; or visit learnon.ua.edu.
# Degree Requirements

Students earning a bachelor of arts (BA) degree or bachelor of science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours that include the following elements:

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# Additional Major Requirements

The LifeTrack Program (formerly EXD Program) differs in purpose, scope and specificity from degrees designating professional certification. For this reason, no more than 30 semester hours of credit from a professional school may apply toward a degree through the LifeTrack Program.

# Upper-level Residency

Following completion of the Foundations of Adult Learning Seminar, LifeTrack program students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of University of Alabama credit. Except for the required three-day Foundations of Adult Learning Seminar, students do not have to be present on The University of Alabama campus. Residency is fulfilled by working under the guidance of University of Alabama faculty through distance learning.

Unlimited. Students continue to professional and graduate schools, to begin their own businesses and to work in their chosen fields of concentration.

# Types of Jobs Accepted

business and industry, education, arts management, sports marketing and recruiting, Peace Corps, Teach for America, Americorps, NGOs, foreign service, and opportunities throughout the non-profit and for-profit sectors

# Jobs of Experienced Alumni

audio engineers, physicians, artists, attorneys, musicians, dentists, physical therapists, professors, farmers, real estate developers, land managers, sports scouts, directors of non-profit organizations, missionaries, teachers, business owners, Peace Corps, Teach for America, Americorps, NGOs, foreign service, and positions throughout the non-profit and for-profit sectors

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center