

**Savannah State University  
New Program Prospectus Proposal  
Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies**

***Introduction***

Savannah State University is submitting this prospectus proposal to start in the fall 2013 semester an undergraduate four-year Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program provides educational opportunities to students that may not be available through the traditional and existing degree programs offered at Savannah State University. The program offers students an opportunity to explore and take advantage of the diverse course offerings that exist across the three colleges and the School of Teacher Education. With assistance from an advisor, students may tailor their own degree program in the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program that meets their particular needs and educational learning goals.

Applicants to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program must meet the admissions requirements of Savannah State University and must adhere to the requirements for maintaining good standing based upon GPA requirements and Satisfactory Academic Progress. Students must maintain a grade of “C” or higher in all upper level courses in the program.

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program will require 125 credit hours for completion and eligibility for graduation. The program will consist of 42 credit hours from the current core curriculum, 18 credit hours of area F requirements, five hours of institutional core requirements, and 60 credit hours in the student’s concentration and complementary areas of interest. At least 39 credit hours would be 3000 level or above. The concentration would consist of a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 3000 level or above from one established program of study at Savannah State University. In collaboration with their advisor, the student would construct a coherent program of additional courses from other disciplines.

***Faculty Resource Needs***

No additional faculty resources are needed to implement or sustain the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

***Budget Resource Needs***

Savannah State University has all of the faculty, laboratory and budgetary resources necessary to implement the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

***Need and Benefits:***

In accordance with the goals of Complete College Georgia, the Bachelor Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies could facilitate the recruitment of new students and improve the progression of existing students towards graduation. SSU has many programs that could be profitably combined with others to produce a custom-designed educational experience that could not be achieved with an established major and minor. Savannah State University offers many areas of study that could be productively combined with others, such as Forensics Science and Criminal Justice or Homeland Security and Emergency Management, or Mass Communications and Business Administration, or Behavior Analysis and Marketing. With a well-designed program, a student should be able to prepare themselves for unique professional opportunities.