

Interdisciplinary Studies

Typical Career Fields:

Management

- Business Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Meeting Planner

Education

- Administration
- Community Relations

Social/Human Services

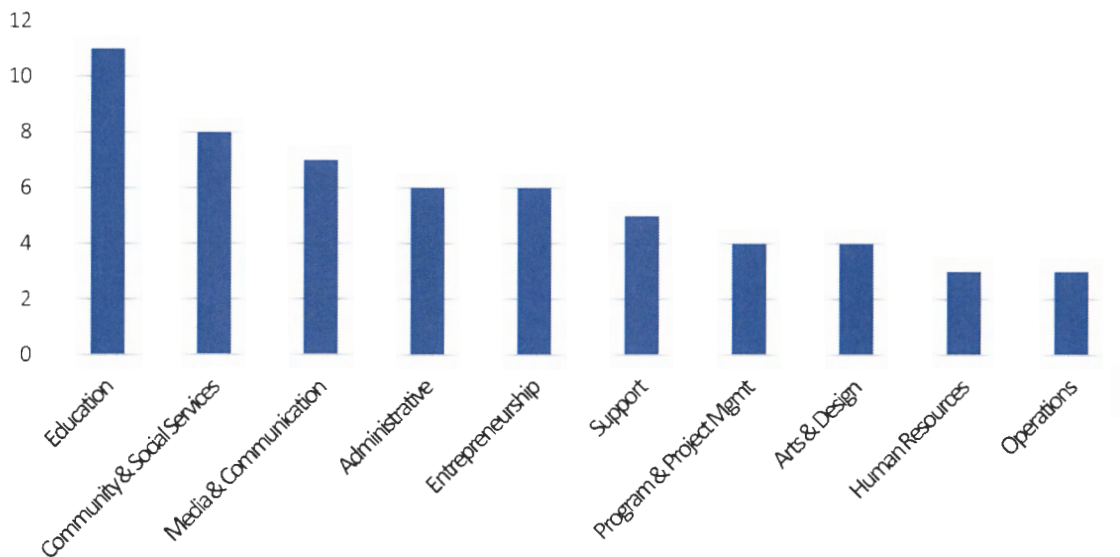
- Nonprofit Manager

Civil Service

- Lobbyist
- Government Employee including State Health Depts
- Social Justice/Equality

Source: O*NET

Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU Interdisciplinary Grads: (Source: LinkedIn)



Where Our Grads Go (top ten):

- University of Kansas Medical Center
- Target
- United States Postal Service
- Social Security Administration
- Bowling Green State Univ
- Washburn Univ
- Maurices
- AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Ltd
- Overland Solutions, Inc
- POET

View a list of required courses for this major at <http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html>.

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Interdisciplinary Studies Majors

Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation
(The phrase “Interdisciplinary Studies” infers multiple subjects within a single program)

Management (Business Manager, Marketing Manager, Administrative Assistant, Meeting Planner)

- Join related organizations within your specialty areas, combine courses in numerous fields that correspond with your personal career goals.
- Look for opportunities to develop your communication and research skills.
- Involvement in activities that will demonstrate habits of time management.
- You will need to add some team management experience to your skill base and be able to talk about it.
- Consider a minor in Leadership.
- Join a recognized campus organization and work to secure an elected position within the club.

Education

- A graduate of Interdisciplinary Studies would be considered a college graduate from a non-education program and would require a temporary teaching certificate in your field.
- Look for opportunities for Study abroad where teaching or helping children in a community is part of the process. This will add an often requires perspective about the world.
- Seek employment where you will be working with pre-school aged children or with after-school programs and agencies.

Social / Human Services (Nonprofit Manager)

- Consider a graduate degree in Human Services, Counseling, Rehabilitation, Social Work, or related field.
- Certain social service agencies also serve children and may present opportunities to gain hands on experience.
- Volunteer with any social services type organization in your local area.
- Computer and multi-media competency is often required in this field and includes, web site maintenance, data base management, photo shop, etc.

Civil Service (Lobbyist, Government Employee including State Health Departments, Social Justice & Equality)

- Employment in federal, state, and local governmental agencies that require a college degree.
- Be sure to become familiar with your campus resources to coordinate your search for opportunities in this field.

Special Note

- Graduates of this degree may choose from a variety of career opportunities because the program is designed to integrate two compatible fields of study that make this degree more desirable for certain careers.
- Students interested in business careers may benefit from studies in international finance, psychology and management, for example. Studying business from a variety of academic angles may offer greater insight into areas like company growth management, employee relations and consumer trending. Working students can use their studies to further their careers or start their own businesses.

Some popular combinations include:

Information technology, business
Media, communications
Performance art, art theory and graphic design
Anthropology and physical science
Psychology, sociology and history
Business and finance
Political science and economics

Biomedical engineering, chemistry and technology
Social sciences, human services