INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Description
Intended for students seeking advanced levels of scholarship, this specialized course of study leads to a bachelor of arts degree. It allows a student, with the supervision and approval of an academic advisor, to design an academic program that differs from the established majors offered by the College. The degree program must be based on a clearly defined problem area, a defined body of thought, or a specific educational goal. Courses outside the College may be used, however, all College requirements (including the ACE requirements) must be fulfilled. (See graduation and degree requirements below.)

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Major Department Admission

Students must be admitted as a major into one of the academic units and successfully complete one year of the home unit's core curriculum before applying for entrance into the Interdisciplinary Studies program. A listing of the required courses is available in each academic unit's administrative office.

College Requirements

College Admission

Requirements for admission to the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts are consistent with general University admission requirements. These include:

- English (4 units)
- Mathematics (4 units)
- Social studies (3 units)
- Natural sciences (3 units)
- Foreign language (2 units)

NOTE: One unit equals one year of high school credit.

One of the following performance standards must also be met:

**New Freshmen:** Minimum ACT 20 (composite), minimum SAT 950 (combined), or rank in top half of high school graduating class.

**Transfer and Readmit Students:** Completed 12 or more semester credits from a postsecondary institution with a minimum cumulative GPA 2.0 and GPA 2.0 during the last semester of record at the time of application. (Theatre majors declaring the Film and New Media option: minimum cumulative GPA 3.0 and GPA 3.0 during the last semester of record at the time of application.)

**International Students:** Minimum TOEFL 70 (Internet) or 523 (paper)

Individual departments may have higher standards for acceptance into the different degrees and emphases. Please check with the individual departments for these standards.

Auditions are required for admission to the Glenn Korff School of Music for music and dance majors and minors. Auditions are also required for admission to the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film for the BA Performance option. A separate application and portfolio review are required for acceptance into all other options in the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film.

Admission Deficiencies/Removal of Deficiencies

Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process with core course deficiencies will have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at Nebraska. These conditions are in this catalog under “Removal of Deficiencies.”

Students with one deficiency, two deficiencies but not in the same category, or two deficiencies in foreign language who receive a Deferred Admission or Admission by Review, may be considered for admission to the college. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process with core course deficiencies will have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at Nebraska. These conditions are explained under Admission to the University, Removal of Deficiencies in this catalog.

College Degree Requirements

College General Education Requirements

Foreign Languages/Language Requirement

The languages requirement serves to help students gain a working familiarity with a language and a culture other than their own.

All students pursuing bachelor of arts or bachelor of music degrees are required to complete the intermediate level in one foreign language. Some or all of these courses may be completed while in high school. Courses approved to satisfy the languages requirement are offered by the Department of Classics and Religious Studies and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in the College of Education and Human Sciences. A student is required to successfully complete 202 to fulfill the languages requirement. (Exceptions: In Japanese, a student must complete JAPN 201 Second-Year Japanese I and one additional course from JAPN 202 Intermediate Grammar and Reading I, JAPN 203 Second-Year Japanese II, and JAPN 204 Intermediate Grammar and Reading II; in Greek, the student must complete two 300-level courses; in Latin, a student must take LATN 301 Latin Prose I and LATN 302 Latin Poetry I.) Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Latin, Omaha Native Language, Russian, Spanish, and American Sign Language.

NOTE:

- A student who has completed three years of one foreign language study in high school may fulfill the languages requirement by taking a fourth-semester-level course.
- A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement.
- Any student who achieves a specified scaled score in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) subject exam in French, German, and Spanish, levels 1 and 2, will be exempt from the languages requirement and will also receive credit for the fourth semester course in the language.
A transfer student with 11 or 12 semester hours of accepted credit has two choices: 1) to complete 6 hours in the same language at the 200 level; or 2) with permission of the chair of the department to enroll in a fourth semester course.

A student from a foreign country who has demonstrated acceptable proficiency in his or her native language (other than English) is exempted from the languages requirement without credit toward the degree. American students who present acceptable evidence that their second language is English are exempted from the languages requirement without credit toward the degree. All such students should see the Dean’s Office, 102 Woods Art Building, for this exemption.

### Approved Courses

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### Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. Students in the College are required to maintain a minimum current and cumulative GPA of 2.0. Individual departments may require a higher current and cumulative GPA.

### Grade Rules

#### C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of D grades from schools outside of the University of Nebraska system.

Grades lower than C earned at Nebraska or transferred from other schools cannot be applied toward requirements in a major, but may be applied toward total hours.

#### Pass/No Pass

University regulations for the Pass/No Pass privilege state: The Pass/No Pass option is designed to be used by a student seeking to expand his/her intellectual horizons by taking courses in areas where he/she may have minimum preparation without adversely affecting his/her grade point average.

1. Neither the P nor the N grade contribute to a student’s GPA
2. P is interpreted to mean C or above. Some professional education courses require a C+ or above.
3. A change to or from Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course.) This date coincides with the final date to drop a course without the instructor’s approval.
4. The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the professor’s, department’s, college, or University policy governing grading option.
5. Prior to the mid-term deadline, changing to or from the Pass/No Pass requires using the MyRED system to change the grading option or filing a Drop/Add form with the Office of the University Registrar, 107 Canfield Administration Building. After the mid-term deadline, a student registered for Pass/No Pass cannot change to a grade registration unless the Pass/No Pass registration is in conflict with a professor’s, department’s, college, or University policy governing Pass/No Pass.
6. The Pass/No Pass grading option cannot be used for the removal of C- or D or F grades.

Pass/No pass privileges in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts are extended to students according to the following additional regulations:

1. Pass/No pass hours can count toward fulfillment of ACE requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
2. Freshmen and sophomores may enroll for no more than 6 hours of Pass/No Pass work per semester.
3. Students may not elect to take courses on a Pass/No Pass basis to fulfill degree requirements in the major. Departments may allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass to be taken in the minor offered by the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts.
4. Departments may specify that certain courses can be taken only on a Pass/No Pass basis.
5. The College will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of Pass/No Pass grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all “pass” grades earned at Nebraska and other schools.

Individual departments vary in their policies regarding Pass/No Pass hours as applied to the major and minor. Consult the individual departmental listings for these policies. Students who wish to apply Pass/No Pass hours to their major and minor(s) must obtain approval on a form that is available in the Dean’s Office, 102 Woods Art Building.
GPA Requirements

Students are expected to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average each semester. Some programs within the College may have higher GPA requirements to keep in good academic standing.

Transfer Credit Rules

Ordinarily, hours earned at an accredited college are accepted by the University. The College, however, will evaluate all hours submitted on an application for transfer and reserves the right to accept or reject any of them. The maximum number of hours the University will accept on transfer from a two-year college is 60.

Normally credit is not given for pre-university work. In some instances, however, it may be possible to receive credit through satisfactory examination.

All transfer students must complete the Residency Requirement (see “Residency Requirement”), and at least 9 hours in the major field must be completed at the University regardless of the number of hours transferred.

The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts will accept no more than 15 semester hours of D grades from schools other than UNO or UNK. All grades may be transferred from UNO or UNK. However, transfer courses within a student’s major or minor will be evaluated by that unit and held to the same minimum grade standards as courses taken at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

School of Art, Art History and Design Transfer Credit Policy

A studio or art history course presented for possible transfer to the University of Nebraska—Lincoln is evaluated by the School of Art, Art History and Design using course descriptions and/or course syllabi to evaluate content, and course schedules to evaluate the hours of instruction.

Studio courses that are eligible for transfer credit based on course content are awarded one credit hour for every 30 hours of instruction (with the assumption that the transfer course required 15 hours of work outside of class for every 30 hours spent in class with the instructor.) Credit is rounded to the nearest half-credit hour. If a course is presented for possible transfer, and the hours of instruction fall short of the University’s NASAD-based standards, the course will receive a proportional reduction in credit.

Each major requires a minimum amount of credit that must be completed at Nebraska. Courses taken at other academic institutions may be applied toward the remaining required credits subject to evaluation by the department. Specific limits may be found in the major requirements section.

Glenn Korff School of Music Transfer Credit Policy

The following will be used by advisors as guidelines for the evaluation of transfer credits which are less than five years old:

- If a transfer student has successfully completed (grade C or above) approved transfer credits which are equivalent to music major/minor requirements in terms of number of credit hours and scope of content, that area will be considered completed at the discretion of the chief degree program advisor.
- For approved transfer credits which are lacking equivalency in either number of credit hours, scope of content, or grade received to music major/minor requirements in applied music, music theory, sight singing/aural skills, and keyboard skills, the number of transfer credits accepted and placement will be determined by audition/ proficiency tests administered by designated area faculty.
- For approved transfer credits which are lacking equivalency in other music areas (history and ensembles), the number of transfer credits accepted will be determined by the chief degree program advisor.

All music course work which is more than five years old must be validated by an audition or competency examination given by designated area faculty.

Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film Transfer Credit Policy

There are no additional restrictions regarding transfer credit.

Transfer Credit from Foreign Institutions

Credit for courses taken at foreign universities and colleges will be transferred only after validation by the appropriate department. This evaluation may include examination of the student over subject matter studied at the foreign institution.

International Baccalaureate Credit

Students who have studied art, music, or theatre within the International Baccalaureate Program will be given credit for courses at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln according to the guidelines established by each academic unit. Contact the department office for specific course information.

Course Level Requirements

Upper-Level Requirement: Thirty of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered above 299.

Residency

Students must meet either of the following residency qualifications:

- At least 30 of the last 36 hours of credit must be registered for and completed while enrolled at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.
- A total of 90 credits must be registered for and completed while enrolled at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward degree requirements if students participate in prior approved programs and register through the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. Credit awarded from an institution other than Nebraska will be subject to transfer credit and residency rules.

ACE Requirements

All students must fulfill the Achievement Centered Education (ACE) requirements. Information about the ACE program may be viewed at ace.unl.edu.

Catalog Rule

Students who first enroll at Nebraska under the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog must fulfill the requirements stated in this catalog or in any other catalog which is published while they are enrolled in the College provided the catalog they follow is no more than ten years old at the time of graduation. A student must, however, meet the requirements from one catalog only rather than choosing a portion from one catalog and the remainder from another.

Exception: Students pursuing any degree in the Glenn Korff School of Music who fail to take at least one course that will fulfill their degree requirements during a 12-month period must apply for re-admission. They
are then required to move to the new catalog and fulfill the requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

**Major Requirements**

**Specific Major Requirements**
Student must submit a memorandum of courses that includes a minimum of 51 credits in the proposed major. These courses should be anchored in one area of study, with at least 24 credits of the 51 coming from one department. The remaining 30 credits can come from an assortment of subjects to reach the intended goals of the student. A limit of 12 credits of independent study courses may be applied toward the major. Additionally, at least 30 credits of the proposal must be at the 300/400-level.

**Minor Requirements**
A minor is allowed, but not required.

**Additional Major Requirements**

**Prerequisite Requirements/Rules**
Students are required to complete a minimum of 45 credit hours of their proposed course work at UNL after being admitted to the program.

**Grade Rules**

**Pass/No Pass**
Maximum 6 hrs of Pass/No Pass courses.

**Course Level Requirement**
Minimum 30 hrs at the 300/400 level.

**Extended Education, Independent Study Rules, Internship Credit Rules**
Maximum 12 hrs of independent study courses.