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 arts-based academic program that differs from the established majors offered by the College. The degree program must be founded 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.)

Degree at a Glance

| ACE Requirements | 0-6 |
| Languages: Classical & Modern | 0-6 |
| **Select from the list of "Approved Courses" found under "College Degree Requirements."** |
| Major Area of Study | 51 |
| Electives | 33-39 |
| Total Credit Hours | 120 |

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 post-secondary institution with a minimum cumulative GPA 2.0 and GPA 2.0 during the last semester of record at the time of application. (Emerging media arts majors: 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 options. Please check with the individual departments for these standards.

Auditions
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 programs 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, Russian, Spanish, and American Sign Language. View the College page for a full listing of approved courses.

**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.
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.

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 Husker Hub, first floor 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.
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 (https://ace.unl.edu).

Catalog Rule
Students who first enroll at Nebraska under the 2020-2021 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 major requirements during a 12-month period must re-audition. They will then move to the catalog in effect at that time.

Major Requirements
Specific Major Requirements
Students 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 27 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
Students are required to complete a minimum of 45 credit hours of their proposed coursework at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln 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.

Independent Study Rules
Maximum 12 hrs of independent study courses.