BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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WHO WE ARE  Founded in 1873 and located in Rome, Georgia, Shorter University is a private, liberal arts university with a legacy of academic excellence and a dynamic Christian heritage. Shorter University has been ranked as one of the “Top 20 Southern Comprehensive Colleges” by U.S. News and World Report since 2002 and as a “Best in the Southeast” and “Best Value College” by The Princeton Review.

137 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Shorter University has a rich history of providing students with a quality education in an intentionally Christian atmosphere. Shorter University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees.

OUR MISSION  The mission of Shorter University is to provide quality higher education, enabling and encouraging student commitment to active lifelong learning, personal spiritual values, responsible citizenship and community and societal learning in a global context.

The university seeks to accomplish this mission through quality undergraduate liberal arts programs, specialized professional programs and select graduate programs.

Geographically distant locations and online classes provide educational opportunities to individuals who are unable to attend classes in a traditional setting. The university affirms a commitment to the Christian faith and strives to integrate Christian values within a nurturing community in its whole process of education.
Shorter University’s Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies program gives students the opportunity to pursue a personalized plan of study, developing knowledge and skills that align with their interests. This program is ideal for students seeking to maximize their transfer credits and study a variety of fields while earning a respected bachelor’s degree. It combines courses across different disciplines to create an individualized education. The degree allows students to choose three areas of study and create a degree that fits their unique career goals.

COURSES IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Our online Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree is comprised of 120 credit hours. Each online course lasts for eight weeks, and there are six terms each year. Students will complete the following course plan (each course represents 3 credit hours, unless otherwise noted):

**Common Core**
- Introduction to Online Learning
- Freshman English I
- Freshman English II
- Oral Communications
- Introduction to Literature
- Survey of the Old Testament
- Survey of the New Testament

Choose one of the following:
- Modern Civilization Since 1648
- American History II

Choose one of the following:
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- American Government

Choose from the following (must take one science, one math and one previously not taken math or science):
- Survey of Natural Sciences I
- Introduction to Geology
- Liberal Arts Math
- College Algebra
- Statistics for Business/Economics
- Statistics for Social Sciences

**Total Common Core: 51 hours**

**Required Courses in Major**

First Area: 18 hrs
Second Area: 12 hrs
Third Area: 12 hrs

**Total Major: 42 hours**

**Capstone (1 hour)**

**Electives (26 hours)**

**MINIMUM HOURS IN DEGREE: 120**
ONLINE LEARNING

Through online learning, obtaining a quality and highly respected degree from Shorter University is easier than ever. Students who cannot meet regularly during the school week because of employment, family matters and other commitments now have a solution. Online classes are administered in an asynchronous format — students log in to the course, retrieve their assignments, submit work and take quizzes when their schedules permit.

APPLYING

To enroll in our Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies program, students with fewer than 27 transferable college hours must have an ACT score of 19 or better, or an SAT score of 450 on each section or better, and a high school GPA average of 2.25 or better. Students with 27 or more transferable college credit hours need a college grade-point average, based on grades from transferable courses, of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0-point scale from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

3 SIMPLE STEPS:

1. Complete the online application here.
2. Submit the $25 application fee.
3. Students with 23 or more college credit hours must submit transcripts from EACH institution previously attended. Students with less than 23 hours must also submit an official SAT or ACT score report (either sent from the College Board or ACT at the prospective student’s request or included on the official high school transcript) and an official high school transcript or official GED scores, embossed or stamped and signed as official by the high school’s guidance office. If the student has been out of high school for over five years, a high school transcript is required but no ACT or SAT score. *Once all the necessary documentation has been received and reviewed, an admission decision will be made, and students will be contacted via email.

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For more information, please visit our Online Campus at [http://online.shorter.edu/admissions](http://online.shorter.edu/admissions) or contact:

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### WHY SHORTER UNIVERSITY?

- A well-established institution with a reputation for educational excellence.
- Superior academic programs and high-quality instruction.
- A caring Christian atmosphere.
- Small class sizes.
- A substantial level of individualized attention given to each student from their professors.
- A faculty in which two-thirds of the professors hold the highest degree available in their fields of expertise.
Shorter University understands the potential struggles associated with financing a college education, and it is our goal to work with students on any financial aid issues. To provide more flexibility, Shorter University offers three different payment options, which can be found on our website at http://su.shorter.edu/payment-options/.

TUITION & FEES

- $325 per credit hour
- $25 tech fee per course
- $150 graduation fee

For more information, please visit our Online Campus at http://online.shorter.edu or contact:

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FINANCIAL AID

We encourage all students to apply for financial aid as soon as possible by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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