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University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies - Department of Integrative Studies

GENERAL EDUCATION (41 Hours)	**Grade**	**Hours**
Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)		
EH 101 English Composition I		3
EH 102 English Composition II		3
Area II - Humanities and Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Hours) **Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY)**		
CA 110 Public Speaking		3
One course from EH 215, 216; 225, 226; 235, 236		3
One course from: ARH 100, 103, 123; ARS 101; DRA 110; MUL 101		3
One course from: AFR 101; ARH 100, 103, 123; ARS 101; DRA 110; EH 215, 216, 225, 226, 235, 236; IST 105**;** LG 111, 112, 131, 132, 151, 152, 171, 172, 211, 212, 231, 232, 251, 252, 271, 272; LGS 101, 102, 106, 107, 121, 122, 141, 142, 201, 202, 206, 207, 221, 222, 241, 242; MUL 101; PHL 110, 120, 121, 131, 231, 240; REL 100, 200, 201		3
Area III - Natural Science and Mathematics (3 Courses, 11 Hours)		
One course from: MA 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 126, 227, 237, 238		3
*Two courses from (including lab): AN 210; BLY 101, 102, 121, 122, 205; BMD 110, 111, 251, 252; CH 101, 103, 131, 132; GEO 101, 102; GY 111, 112; MAS 134; MET 140; PH 101, 104, 114, 115, 201, 202 (Or NS transfers) *Credit for both BLY 101 & BLY 121 and BLY 102 & BLY 122 are not allowed.		4
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Area IV - History, Social and Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours) **Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY)** (*Students will only receive credit for 2 history courses.)*		
One course from HY 101, 102; HY 121, 122; HY 135, 136		3
Two courses from: AN 100, 101; CA 100, 211; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; GS 101; IS 100; IST 201; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112		3
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One course from**:** AN 100, 101; CA 100, 211; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; GS 101; IS 100; HY 101, 102, 121, 122, 135, 136; IST 201; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112		3
GENERAL COMPETENCY ***(15 Hours)***		
IST 302 Interdisciplinary and Critical Thinking		3
IST 320 Cultural Competency		3
IST 340 Professional Communication Across the Disciplines (W) *(Satisfies University Writing Requirement)*		3
IST 360 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (W) *(Satisfies University Writing Requirement)*		3
IST 495 Professional Leadership and Teamwork		3
CAPSTONE ***(3 Hours)*** *Choose one:*		
IST 430 Senior Research Thesis (W) *(Satisfies University Writing Requirement)* **OR** IST 498 Internship		3
CONCENTRATION (*Choose one from below.)*		
BA Degree Options – Applied Arts or Community Services or Human Services or Liberal Studies		
BS Degree Options – Administrative Sciences or Applied Sciences or Professional Development		
CONCENTRATION/ELECTIVES* UPPER-DIVISION ***(12 Hours of USA Credits 300-499)*** (Recommended: IST 305, 310, 401, 420, 490)		
Concentration Course _____		3
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Concentration Course _____		3
CONCENTRATION/ELECTIVES* ***(49 Hours) (***Recommended: IST 101, 125, 210, 250)		
Elective Course _____		3
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Elective Course _____		1
	Total Hours	**120**

*Some elective credits may also be used to complete a Minor, though a Minor is not required by this program.

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University and College Requirements:

Writing Requirement – The University requires that a candidate for graduation must have completed two designated writing credit courses at USA, with at least one course chosen from offerings in the candidate's major or minor. Courses meeting this requirement are designated with a (W) after the course title in the "Courses" section of the University Bulletin. Individuals who transfer in credit to substitute for a course(s) designated as a (W) course must meet the writing requirement by taking a (W) course(s) at USA.

Transient Approval – Students must have prior approval (obtained in the Advising Center) to enroll as a transient student at another institution. A maximum of 60 semester hours (or 50% of total hours required for the program) may be accepted from a two-year institution.

Residency Requirement – A candidate for graduation must complete a minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree through instruction offered by the University of South Alabama in upper-division course work (300 and 400 levels).