

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

Integrative Studies

Integrative Studies is intended for students who wish to customize their degree program to fit their own interests and aspirations. Students create their own curriculum path, choosing three individual concentrations, or minors, instead of a traditional major. Students may further customize their degree by enrolling in internships or cooperative education. Integrative Studies leads to an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, depending on the concentrations selected. Aside from giving students the opportunity to build an individualized program suited to their own personal and/or career goals, Integrative Studies can also provide an excellent foundation for graduate and professional education in many areas, including law, business, public administration, counseling, and social work.

MICHIGAN DIFFERENCE

At the University of Michigan-Dearborn, we emphasize hands-on learning, small class sizes, engaged faculty and a commitment to impact southeast Michigan. Students are developed to become Difference Makers in the workplace and in the community long before graduation. We are addressing challenges to the region head-on through pioneering research, strategic partnerships and civic engagement. We are creative thinkers, innovators and leaders, and we're proud to call Dearborn home. Our beautiful campus, once the grounds of the Henry Ford Estate, continues to foster his bold spirit of entrepreneurship and collaboration. After graduation from UM-Dearborn, students will become a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association – one of the largest living alumni networks in the world.

All bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degree programs are designed and led by highly qualified and engaged faculty, not teaching assistants. Classes are small—undergraduate lectures average 24 students and the student/faculty ratio is 15:1. Whatever your course of study, you'll get plenty of personal attention and support.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must submit an application and transcripts from any and every college/university they have attended.
- A minimum of 24 transferable credit hours
 - A student with less than 24 transferable credit hours may still be considered for transfer, but will be required to submit their final, official high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores for review.
- A minimum GPA of 2.50
 - If students have completed an associate's degree, admission and scholarship is based on the posted GPA from the institution at which the degree was earned. Students transferring from a community college with an associate's degree may also apply up to 30 credit hours of program general credit courses to their degree at UM-Dearborn. This means that students can apply credits to their UM-Dearborn degree that are otherwise non-transferable.
 - If the student does not have an associate's degree, admission and scholarship is determined by a recalculated GPA, wherein only grades from transferable coursework are considered

TRANSFER GUIDELINES

- A maximum of 62 community college credits may be applied to CASL degree programs.
- Courses with a grade of C- or below do not transfer for credit.
- It is the responsibility of the student to stay abreast of any changes related to their major. For questions about program requirements, call the Student Advising and Resource Team (START) at 313-593-5576 or CASL Advising at 313-593-5293.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall: August 22
- Winter: December 22
- Summer I: April 22
- Summer II: June 22

RESOURCES

- **Transfer Hub** | umdearborn.edu/GRCC
- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships** | umdearborn.edu/students/financial-aid
- **Office of Veteran Affairs** | umdearborn.edu/students/veterans-um-dearborn

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UM-DEARBORN (120 CREDIT HOURS)	GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
DEARBORN DISCOVERY CORE	MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT (MTA)	
Written & Oral Communication	MTA English Comp or Communications (2 courses)	Any MTA approved courses*
Social & Behavioral Analysis	MTA Social Science (2 courses)	Any MTA approved courses*
Humanities & the Arts	MTA Humanities & Fine Arts (2 courses)	Any MTA approved courses*
Quantitative Thinking/Problem Solving	MTA Mathematics (1 course)	Any MTA approved course*
Natural Sciences	MTA Natural Sciences (2 courses, one w/ lab)	Any MTA approved courses*
Upper-Level Writing Intensive (3 credits)		
Critical and Creative Thinking (3 credits)		
Intersections (6 Upper-Level Credits)		
Capstone Experience (3 credits)		
GROUP I – CASL CONCENTRATIONS (12 CREDIT HOURS, PLUS PRE-REQUISITES AS NEEDED)		
Students may choose one, two, or all three concentrations from Group I.		
Anthropology, Applied Statistics, Art History, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Comparative Literature, Computer and Computational Math, Economics, English, Environmental Science, French Studies, Geology, German, Hispanic Studies, History, Humanities, Linguistics, Mathematics, Microbiology, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology		
GROUP II—CASL CONCENTRATIONS (12-18 CREDIT HOURS, PLUS PRE-REQUISITES AS NEEDED)		
Students may choose one, two, or all three concentrations from Group II.		
African and African American Studies, Applied Art, Arab American Studies, Astronomy, Communications, Community Change Studies, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Environmental Studies, Film Studies, Geography, Global Cultures, Journalism and Screen Studies, Law and Society, Leadership & Communication in Organizations, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Organizational Change in a Global Environment, Religious Studies, Science and Technology Studies, Social Science Research Methodology, Society and Technological Change, Urban and Regional Studies, Women's and Gender Studies.		
GROUP III—CONCENTRATIONS OUTSIDE OF CASL (15 CREDIT HOURS, PLUS PRE-REQUISITES AS NEEDED)		
Students may choose only one concentration from Group III.		
Accounting, Computer and Information Science, Digital Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Financial Planning, Health Policy Studies, Human Resources Management, Information Systems Security, Information Systems Management, Management, Marketing, Public Health, Social Work, Supply Chain Management.		
ELECTIVES		
Elective courses can be taken at either UM-Dearborn or GRCC. Use umdearborn.edu/cts to make sure electives selected at GRCC are transferable. Exact number of electives required will depend on how students complete other requirements.		

*Selections should take into account student's concentrations of interest

- Those interested in the Integrative Studies major will choose three concentrations at UM-Dearborn (see above). Prior to transfer, students should take time to consider their interests and identify their anticipated concentrations. Once a student knows which concentrations they hope to pursue, an Admissions Counselor from the University of Michigan-Dearborn can help them find appropriate community college classes to fulfill pre-major and/or major requirements. It's likely that the courses needed for a student's pre-major/major will also fulfill MTA requirements.
- Students may apply up to 62 community college credits to the Integrative Studies degree. To determine what is transferable, students can use umdearborn.edu/CTS. Students **with an associate's degree** may apply coursework that is otherwise non-transferable. In this scenario, students may apply up to 30 community college credits to their Integrative Studies degree as general program credit. Students who do not have an associate's degree may only apply traditionally transferable coursework.

MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT (MTA) AND DEARBORN DISCOVERY CORE (DDC)

The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) was designed to facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from a Michigan community college to a university degree. For students that transfer to UM-Dearborn, the MTA will be applied to the Dearborn Discovery Core (DDC), a campus-wide general education program. This chart shows which DDC categories are met by the MTA and which ones remain. The remaining DDC requirements are typically fulfilled by major requirements and often overlap with each other.

Students should check with their community college to determine which courses can be used to fulfill the MTA categories and learn the details for obtaining an MTA endorsement on their transcript. **Students transferring to UM-Dearborn must have the *Michigan Transfer Agreement Satisfied* designation posted on their transcript to take advantage of the MTA.** Students who do not complete the entire MTA, or complete courses in addition to the MTA, will receive a course by course evaluation of those courses. For information on GRCC MTA, visit <https://www.grcc.edu/studentrecords/michigantransferagreement>.