

United States Armed Forces / Old Dominion University

Military Pathway

Catalog Years 2026–2029

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES – GENERAL STUDIES

Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom

Military Course, Certification, Experience, or Exam	ODU Equivalent Course	Credits
Lower-Division General Education Requirements		
CLEP ^{1 2 3} College Composition (NOT Modular)	ENGL 110C English Composition	3
DSST Technical Writing	ENGL 231C Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
Select specialties	Oral Communication requirement	3
CLEP College Mathematics, College Algebra, or Precalculus	MATH 101M, 102M, or 162M	3
DSST Fundamentals of College Algebra or Prin of Statistics	MATH 102M or STAT 130M	
CLEP Foreign Languages or military linguist or DLIFLC grad	Language and Culture requirement ⁴	6
Current or previous E6-E9	STEM 251G Computer Literacy: Communication and Information	3
CLEP Any Social Science exam	Human Behavior requirement	3
CLEP Any History exam	Interpreting the Past requirement	3
CLEP American or Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	Literature requirement	3
CLEP Biology	BIOL 121N-124N General Biology I and II lectures and labs	8
Major Requirements		
CLEP Introductory Business Law	FIN 331 Legal Environment of Business	3
CLEP Principles of Marketing	MKTG 311 Marketing Principles and Problems	3
Current or previous E6 or DSST Principles of Supervision	SEPS 302 Workforce Supervision Management	3
Current or previous E7 or CLEP Principles of Management	MGMT 325 Contemporary Organizations and Management	3
Current or previous E8	MGMT 330 Organizational Behavior	3
Current or previous E9	MGMT 410 Leadership in Organizations	3
DSST Ethics in America	POLS 495 Topics in Political Science	3
DSST Human Resource Management	MGMT 340 Human Resource Management	3
DSST Introduction to the Modern Middle East	POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East	3
DSST Principles of Finance	FIN 323 Introductory Financial Management	3
DSST Western Europe Since 1945	POLS 314 European Politics	3
Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom		71

¹ A passing CLEP or DSST examination score will satisfy the ODU requirement. See <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> and <https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/score-analysis/clep-dantes> for details.

² A student may forego the CLEP or DSST option and satisfy the requirements by taking the actual courses. If a course is taken elsewhere check first for transfer equivalency here <https://transfer2.odu.edu/equivalency/>.

³ Modern States offers CLEP preparation here <https://modernstates.org/>.

⁴ ODU's Language and Culture requirement can be satisfied by three years of a foreign language or two years of two foreign languages in high school. Students whose native language is not English are exempt from taking a foreign language for general education.

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Requirements Met at ODU

A minimum of 30 credits must be taken at ODU and 120 credits total to earn degree

Short Title	Course Title	Credits
Interdisciplinary Studies Core Requirements		
IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts (C or better required; online only)	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project (online only)	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research	3
General Studies Major Requirements		
300/400-level Electives	24 credits of upper-division coursework from 3 or more different academic disciplines	24
Human Creativity	Human Creativity requirement	3
Impact of Technology	Impact of Technology requirement	3
Philosophy and Ethics	Philosophy and Ethics requirement	3
Requirements met at ODU		42
Total credits for degree		120

Next steps:

- Submit application at <https://www.odu.edu/apply/applications>.
- Order your high school, college, CCAF, and/or joint service transcripts sent to admissions@odu.edu or Old Dominion University, Undergraduate Admissions, 1004 Alfred B. Rollins Jr. Hall, Norfolk, Virginia 23529-0050.
- Electronically sign your application and monitor your application portal for status updates until an admission decision is made.
- Accept your admission offer and set up your ODU account/email as directed by Admissions.
- Complete orientation and meet with your academic advisor prior to course registration.
- Finalize your degree plan with your academic advisor based on this pathway.

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