

**United States Armed Forces / Old Dominion University**  
**Military Pathway**  
**Catalog Years 2026–2029**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES – GENERAL STUDIES**

<b>Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom</b>		
<b>Military Course, Certification, Experience, or Exam</b>	<b>ODU Equivalent Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Lower-Division General Education Requirements</b>		
CLEP <sup>1 2 3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup>	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
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom</b>		<b>71</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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/>.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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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<b>Requirements Met at ODU</b>		
<i>A minimum of 30 credits must be taken <u>at ODU</u> and 120 credits total to earn degree</i>		
<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Interdisciplinary Studies Core Requirements</b>		
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
<b>General Studies Major Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Requirements met at ODU</b>		<b>42</b>
<b>Total credits for degree</b>		<b>120</b>

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](mailto: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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