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## **Quick FAQs for EndZone Prospective Students**

### **General**

#### **Q: What is the [End Zone Initiative](#) Program?**

A: The UNC system estimates that nearly 1.5 million North Carolinians have some college credits but have not earned their degree. If you have not completed your degree, North Carolina Central University wants you to know that we offer two interdisciplinary degree programs aimed at helping you complete your undergraduate degree. These degree programs are the B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences and the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Behavioral and Social Sciences degree features interdisciplinary studies designed to prepare students for the diverse challenges of the modern workplace. Instruction is offered in online, face-to-face and hybrid formats. Students complete 120 hours of coursework, including 30 hours drawn from the following behavioral and social sciences: social work, psychology, political science, human sciences, criminal justice, public health education and physical education and recreation. The diversity of the curriculum permits acceptance of most credits previously earned by returning students. The degree helps students develop skills that are highest in demand. According to the government website [NCWorks.gov](http://NCWorks.gov), these skills include critical thinking, data analysis, problem solving, as well as oral and written communications.

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree is designed to allow students to develop analytical, critical thinking, and communication skills that will enhance their career opportunities, and offers classes face-to-face, on-line, and in hybrid format. Students complete 124 hours of coursework, including of 30 hours of core Interdisciplinary Studies drawn from across the disciplines and an Interdisciplinary Studies concentration in an area of their choice: Humanities; Communication Arts; Race, Gender, and Class; or a Student Directed concentration. The diversity of the curriculum permits acceptance of many credits previously earned by returning students and students from other regionally accredited institutions and allows great flexibility in terms of course options. Interdisciplinary Studies offers an alternative program of study for students whose objectives are not met by the University's current majors, and the degree is especially

attractive to students who are interested in designing individual programs that suit their educational and career goals.

## **Admissions**

### **Q: What type of degree is this?**

A: Given the changing demographic structure of U.S. society and the global economy, it is important that students be able to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries and address job-related issues and problems from a variety of perspectives. The two degree programs included in the EndZone Initiative address these concerns.

The Bachelor of Science in Behavioral and Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary degree with a behavioral and social sciences core that is designed to prepare students for the demands of a diverse, global workplace. For more information, please contact Ms. Wendalyn Perry at 919-530-6940 or [wperry@nccu.edu](mailto:wperry@nccu.edu) or Mrs. Stacey Parker at 919-530-6397 or [stacey.parker@nccu.edu](mailto:stacey.parker@nccu.edu).

- [Undergraduate Course Catalog for Behavioral and Social Sciences](#)

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is an interdisciplinary degree offering concentrations in Communication Arts, Humanities, Race, Gender & Class, as well as a Student Directed option. For more information, please contact Dr. Stefanie Frigo at 919-530-5045 or [sfrigo@nccu.edu](mailto:sfrigo@nccu.edu).

- [Undergraduate Course Catalog for Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

### **Q: Can I also have a “minor” with this degree?**

A: Yes. One may declare a minor in any degree field. However, a minor is not required.

### **Q: What are the requirements for this program?**

A: Students must earn 120 credit hours (39 General Education Course (GEC) hours, 30 major core hours, 24 concentration hours or minor and 27 elective hours) for the B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences, and 124 hours for the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies.

**Q: Can I study abroad with this program?**

A: Yes. Any student at the university can study abroad. However, there is no study abroad requirement for the degree.

- [Office of International Affairs](#)

**Q: What is the completion rate to be considered in good academic standing?**

A: Students must earn a minimum of 67% of all credit hours attempted in order to remain in good academic standing.

**Q: How long does it take to achieve a 67% completion rate?**

A: Academic plans of study are individualized and completion timing for each student may vary. A student must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in order to graduate. Therefore, students must strive to pass each course taken with a grade of “C” or better.

- [Academic Progression Policy](#)

**Q: What types of jobs can I get with this degree?**

A: The End Zone Initiative Program prepares students for the global marketplace by providing them with coursework that helps them to develop or enhance skill sets that are highly valued by employers. This skill set includes critical thinking, data analysis, problem solving, as well as oral and written communications.

Explore these web sites to identify future career opportunities in North Carolina:

- <http://www.nccommerce.com/workforce>
- <http://ncworks.gov>.

Students with the B.S in Behavioral and Social Sciences can explore careers in a variety of areas, including human services, social services and healthcare. More specifically, persons with the B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences could consider civil service positions at the local, state, and federal level; jobs with community non-profit organizations; general health care jobs; adult services jobs offered through the North Carolina Division of Aging; and residential counselor positions working with children who have been traumatized through non-profit groups like Eliada. Additional fields to be considered are Red Cross or YMCA/YWCA Staff (Social and Human Service Assistants), Consumer Credit (Credit Counselors), Community Health Workers, Eligibility Interviewers for Government Programs, Community and Social Service Specialists and Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians.

Students with the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies may move into a number of career fields in the technology, education, legal, government, publishing, advertising, entertainment, business, non-profit, and public relations sectors. More specifically, Interdisciplinary Studies graduates may pursue opportunities in technical and scientific writing, paralegal work, creative directing and brand management, content and new media marketing, museum work, lobbying, human resources, and fundraising, just to name a few.

Graduates in both EndZone Initiative degree programs may also consider pursuing a graduate or professional program of study.

**Q: Will I qualify for acceptance into the program if I earned my undergraduate credits at a school other than NCCU?**

A: We accept credits earned from regionally accredited institutions and will evaluate them in determining your acceptance in the program.

- [Regional Accredited Institutions](#)

Once you are at this website, please go to the SACSCOC Colleges and Universities section and click on the link of for schools included.) NCCU accepts credits from these schools.

**Q: How do I reapply for admission? How will I know if I am readmitted or accepted?**

A: If you have attended any schools since your last enrollment at NCCU, please submit the official transcripts to: NCCU Office of the Registrar Attention Readmission, 102 Hoey Administration Building, 1801 Fayetteville Street, Durham NC 27707.

Readmission applies to students who have previously been admitted, registered, and attended a degree seeking program at North Carolina Central University. Students must apply for readmission if they skip a term or stop out after completing a single semester or more. Applications should be submitted no later than the first day of class of the intended semester of enrollment. You may reapply using the [Undergraduate Admission Application](#) that is available online only.

The application fee for readmissions is \$50.00. Readmission to the university is not guaranteed and is subject to prior academic history and campus safety requirements as noted on the admissions application. If you are unable to enroll for the term for which you have been admitted, you must apply again to a different term.

Please contact the Office of the Registrar if you have questions about the readmission process. The contact number is (919) 530-6654, or you may email your concerns to [registrar@ncsu.edu](mailto:registrar@ncsu.edu).

**Q: How do I start the applications process to earn this degree?**

A: If you are interested in the Behavioral and Social Sciences degree contact Mrs. Stacey Parker (919-530-6397) or Ms. Wendalyn Perry (919-530-6940). If you are interested in the Interdisciplinary Studies degree contact Dr. Stefanie Frigo at 919-530-5045.

To expedite the application process, please have your unofficial transcript (s) from all courses taken at any regionally accredited institutions. We have access to NCCU unofficial transcripts.

**Q: I was previously enrolled at NCCU; can I enroll again?**

A: We are invested in your success. The goal of the End Zone Initiative Program is to help you secure a degree. Please contact one of the degree advisors to discuss your re-enrollment, to request a degree audit and to ensure you have all the resources you need.

## **Advising**

**Q: Can I take a course overload to graduate sooner?**

A: A student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average or approval from an Academic Advisor and the Dean to take a course overload beyond 18 credit hours.

**Q: Can I take courses at a community college while taking courses at NCCU?**

A: Yes. The courses that you plan to take must be approved by your Academic Advisor and the Dean prior to enrolling in non-NCCU courses.

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To expedite the application process, please have your unofficial transcript (s) from all courses taken at any accredited institutions. We have access to NCCU unofficial transcripts.

**Q: How long will it take to complete my degree?**

A: The time to degree depends on the number of hours that you have previously earned. Some B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences majors and B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies majors are able to earn their degree in one semester. The majority of students in the program are able to complete their degree in two to three semesters.

**Q: When will I be notified if I am accepted into NCCU?**

A: You will be notified within five business days after submitting your application.

**Q: How do I register for classes?**

A: Students without earned college credits or with less than 53 transferable credit hours are advised in University College until junior classification. To speak with a University College Academic Advisor, call 919-530-6129. Students who have earned greater than 53 credits hours are advised and registered in their prospective academic department.

To be considered a candidate for the B.S in Behavioral and Social Sciences, a prospective major must have previously earned 60 credit hours. Persons with less than 60 credit hours are sent to University College. A prospective major may apply for the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies regardless of how many credits they may have.

Students are encouraged to contact their academic advisor. An advisor is assigned to you upon admissions to one of the EndZone degree programs. Your advisor will assist you with class registration. If you are a Behavioral and Social Sciences student, contact Mrs. Stacey Parker (919-530-6397) [stacey.parker@nccu.edu](mailto:stacey.parker@nccu.edu) or Ms. Wendalyn Perry (919-530-6940) [wperry@nccu.edu](mailto:wperry@nccu.edu). If you are an Interdisciplinary Studies student, contact Dr. Stefanie Frigo (919-530-5045) [sfrigo@nccu.edu](mailto:sfrigo@nccu.edu).

**Q: When do I formally apply for admission to NCCU?**

A: Students seeking entry into the B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences degree program may formally apply for admission to NCCU once the degree audit has been approved by Dr. Debra Parker, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students seeking entry into the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program are strongly encouraged to formally apply for admission only after a meeting with Dr. Stefanie Frigo, Program Coordinator.

**Q: How many credit hours can I transfer into NCCU from regionally accredited institutions?**

A: Prospective students can transfer up to 64 credit hours from one community college and up to 90 credit hours from all institutions attended.

**Q: How do I know that my school is a regionally accredited school?**

**A:** Please click on the following link: [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org). Go to the [SACSCOC](#) Colleges and Universities section and click on the link for the schools included.

**Q: If I am a currently enrolled student, can I change my major and select one of the EndZone degree options?**

**A:** Yes. Currently enrolled students who have declared their major can transfer from that major and select the B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences as long as they have earned at least 60 credit hours. Currently enrolled students may change their major to Interdisciplinary Studies at any stage, regardless of how many credit hours they may have. Students may also opt to list Interdisciplinary Studies as their major from the beginning of their freshman year.

## **Financial Aid**

**Q: Are there any scholarships available to complete the program?**

**A:** The End Zone Initiative Program does not offer any scholarships at this time. However, you may apply for some scholarships that North Carolina Central University offers. For more information concerning eligibility, visit [www.nccu.edu/scholarships](http://www.nccu.edu/scholarships).

**Q: How do I qualify for financial aid?**

**A:** Please call the Eagle Service Center at 919-530-6180 to inquire about financial aid.

**Q: How much will it cost to attend NCCU?**

**A:** The fee schedule for in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees is established each year by the university. Online courses are offered at a significantly lower cost. See the following web sites:

- Tuition and fees web link (Need to provide.)
- Scholarship and Student Aid web link (Need to provide.)

## **Student Services**

[Disability Services](#)

[Counseling Services](#)

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[Community Services](#)

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[Supplemental Instruction](#)

[Scholarship and Student Aid](#)

## **NCCU On-line**

**Q: Can I take all of my EndZone degree classes online?**

A: Yes, discuss this option with your academic advisor.

**Q: What are online classes like?**

A: The distance learning environment is a virtual classroom; however, with some classes you may have to login at a specified time. There are typically links to your syllabus, assignments, and lecture notes, as well as discussion boards and places to post assignments. Some professors will set up chat rooms for real-time talk! Many students enjoy the convenience of online classes; however, being an online learner takes discipline. You will need to log-on to your class regularly, participate in discussions, do much of the reading on your own, and complete assignments by posted due dates. If you are ever confused or struggling with assignments, it is critical that you communicate with your professor in a timely manner by email or phone.

Program specific questions should be directed to the [DE \(Distance Education\) Coordinators/Advisors](#). Student inquiries may be directed to the [Extended Studies main office](#)

Visit [NCCU Online](#).