

## Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Application Checklist

Are you looking to finish your undergraduate degree online? UVA's Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) offers flexible course and scheduling options to make the program work for you. Rooted in the UVA liberal arts tradition, BIS offers an interdisciplinary education that prepares students to advance in their current jobs, transition to new careers, or pursue graduate studies.

**Start your journey toward finishing your degree online at UVA today!**

### Before Applying

- Attend an informational [webinar](#)
- Speak to a Recruitment Specialist** at 1.800.346.3882 or [SCPSinquiry@virginia.edu](mailto:SCPSinquiry@virginia.edu) about:
  - [Admission requirements](#)
    - High school diploma or equivalent
    - 45-60 transferable credits: Grades of C or better, from regionally accredited schools, to include the liberal studies core
    - Minimum GPA of 2.0 and good academic and social standing at the most recent institution attended
  - Program start dates (Fall and Spring)
  - [Financing options](#)
  - What to expect, including
    - What a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies is
    - BIS concentration areas
      - [Art & Society](#), [Business](#), [Cybersecurity](#), [Early Childhood](#), [Healthcare Management](#), [History & Politics](#), [Information Technology](#), [Liberal Arts](#), [Psychology](#), and [Writing](#)
    - Live synchronous classes, typically offered online and in the evening
    - [Capstone projects](#)
    - [Support for students](#), including faculty advisors, writing center and capstone mentors
- Submit the [Pre-Admission Review form](#)
- Speak with your current employer to explore tuition assistance and let them know you plan to finish your degree

### Application Process

- [Schedule](#) an application walkthrough to go over requirements, best practices, and your timeline to submission
- Gather the following materials and apply at <https://apply.scps.virginia.edu/apply/>
  - Two Essays:** Approximately 500 words each
  - Unofficial Transcripts:** Upload with your application; or send to [centralscpsadmission@virginia.edu](mailto:centralscpsadmission@virginia.edu), or submit them through the [pre-admission form](#)
  - Standardized Test Scores:** [TOEFL](#), IELTS, AP or IB scores (if applicable)
  - Application for VA In-State Education Privileges:** To determine residency (SCPS tuition is geographically neutral)
  - Letter of Recommendation:** Ideally, a person who knows you in an academic capacity (professor, advisor) and can comment on the strengths and skills that will help you be a successful student. A work supervisor is also acceptable. *Please, no friends or relatives.*
- Apply for [financial aid](#)

### Next Steps for Admitted Students

- Submit the *Reply to Offer of Admission* form in the application status portal
- Submit official final transcripts to [centralscpsadmission@virginia.edu](mailto:centralscpsadmission@virginia.edu)
- Your faculty advisor will invite you to schedule an advising session to:
  - Map out a degree plan, discuss your first-term courses and explain the registration process
  - Answer any outstanding questions
- Make sure you have internet service that can handle video calls and a designated study space
  - Activate your UVA email, which is the primary way SCPS will communicate with you as a student
  - RSVP to orientation and take the onboarding course to learn what resources are available to you
- Get ready for the first day of classes!

**For questions about the application or admissions please contact the UVA School of Continuing and Professional Studies Admissions Team. You can reach us at 1.800.346.3882 or [SCPSinquiry@virginia.edu](mailto:SCPSinquiry@virginia.edu).**