



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Programs

Program Overview

COMMIT TO COMPLETING YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Programs (BAIP) is an online bachelor's degree completion program designed for adult learners who have completed at least 60 credit hours from an accredited post-secondary institution. Our 100 percent online program is designed around one core goal: **we are committed to helping you go further in your education and career.**

Our faculty and staff will empower you in a collaborative, online learning environment. As a UT BAIP student, you will take courses grounded in hands-on learning experiences that challenge and expand your problem-solving, communication, and critical-thinking skills. In an average of just 60 credit hours, you will graduate with a bachelor's degree. Your hard work and commitment will lead to your name on a well-earned diploma and the conviction to achieve your professional goals.

Coursework Structure

Our online program brings a new level of flexibility to achieving your bachelor's degree so that you can earn the credits you need without putting commitments like work and family on hold.

Your online degree features a blend of synchronous and asynchronous classroom content. Live lecture sessions will take place on weekday afternoons and evenings, and offer you the chance to connect with your professors and classmates, ask questions, and take a deep dive into course content. Virtual courses are supported by independent readings, assignments, and video modules that you will complete throughout the week on your own time.

As a UT BAIP student, you have the option to choose between two concentrations for your bachelor's degree: Public Policy & Administration or Cultures & Societies.

Public Policy & Administration

Our Public Policy & Administration track prepares students for careers in the public and not-for-profit sectors. Your curriculum will cover areas of interest including policy analysis, research methods, non-profit management, and more.

Course options include classes like:

- Contemporary Issues in American Public Policy
- Political Change in Developing Areas
- International Political Economy

Cultures & Societies

Our Cultures & Societies concentration focuses on understanding connections between people and identity. Explore diverse perspectives and areas of study including comparative studies, people and the environment, anthropology, and more.

Course options include classes like:

- Ecology and Society
- Popular Culture and American Politics
- Sociological Theory

Program Quick Facts



Average of
60 credits to graduate



Programs start
**in fall, spring,
and summer**



Application Requirements

To be eligible to enroll, applicants need:

✓ **60 credit hours from an accredited institution with:**

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Minimum of 27 credit hours in the following subject areas:
 - 6 credit hours of English composition sequence
 - 6-8 credit hours of science coursework with labs
 - 6 credit hours of college-level mathematics
 - 9 credit hours of [Vol Core requirements](#)

OR

One of the following degrees from an accredited institution:

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Fine Arts
- Associate of Science in Teaching

✓ **Returning veterans who have achieved at least 45 credit hours and meet all other requirements outlined will be considered for the program.**

✓ **Official transcripts: Applicants must send transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (including transfer credits appearing on degree-earned transcripts).**

✓ **\$50 Application fee**

Career Outcomes

Return to school with confidence. Take a look at the average financial return and increased employment opportunities when you complete your bachelor's degree:

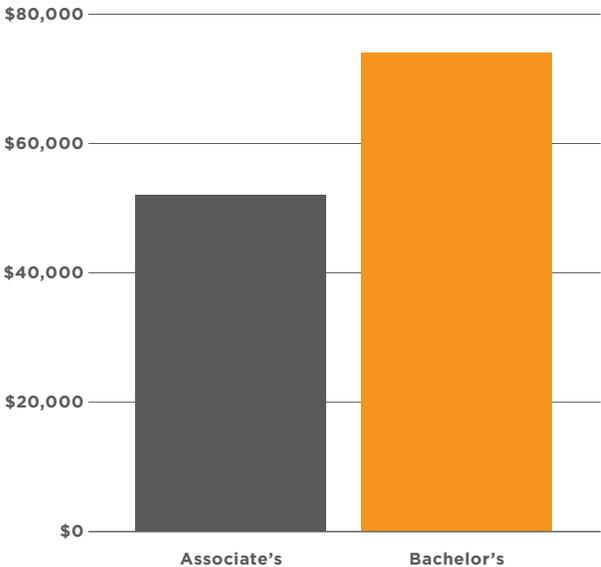
<h2>42%</h2> <p>On average, bachelor's degree holders earn 42% more than associate's degree holders each year. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022)</p>	<h2>2.0%</h2> <p>2022 unemployment rate for individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 3% for those with associate's degrees. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022)</p>	<h2>80%</h2> <p>More than 80% of UT graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of finishing their degree.</p>
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Career Advancement and Return on Investment

The [Center for Career Development](#) can help connect you to resources, internships, jobs, and the UT global network of over 250,000 alumni across all 50 states and in over 100 countries.

Note: Salaries are based on median weekly earnings multiplied by 52 weeks.

Median Career Earnings by Educational Attainment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022



UT BAIP's curriculum and structure are built in alignment with the University's core values:

Seeking Knowledge

The Volunteer spirit is intelligent, curious, and honors freedom of speech and the free exchange of ideas. With 360+ undergraduate degree options and honors programs, including UT BAIP, our focus on research and service learning will prepare you for what comes after college.

Advancing Diversity & Inclusion

The Volunteer community encompasses faculty, staff, students, and alumni of different cultures and backgrounds. We will work with the co-directors of the Critical Race Collective (CRC) with the goal of developing it into a center to further enhance research and scholarship capacity.

Embracing Responsible Stewardship of Resources

Sustainability of resources, whether financial, infrastructural, or environmental, is key to a healthy institution. We take pride in our role as part of the state's flagship land-grant university and our responsibility to mitigate the social impacts of climate change.

Leading with Innovation & Integrity

Volunteers value character and integrity. The best leaders foster ethical and professional behavior such as open dialogue, transparency, and accountability within their groups. More than 80% of UT graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of finishing their degree.

Engaging Locally & Globally

Volunteers get involved. Whether acting within our local and extended communities or embracing global challenges, the UT community strives to make a difference. That's what it means to become part of the Big Orange Nation.

Financing Your Program

College is a big investment. If you're ready to invest in yourself, we are ready to invest in your future! More than 80 percent of UT students receive financial aid and scholarships from federal, state, and private sources. There are a number of different resources you can use to help cover the cost of your degree.

Financial Aid

The majority of UT BAIP students are eligible to apply for federal financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to help cover the cost of tuition. Visit our [financial aid](#) page to learn more about the FAFSA, review deadlines, and start the application.

Scholarships

Unlike loans, scholarships are financial awards to help cover the cost of tuition that students do not need to repay. Each year, UT offers a variety of merit-based scholarships. Visit our [scholarships page](#) to explore our current scholarship offerings, upcoming deadlines, and best practices.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans may be eligible for educational benefits through numerous GI Bill programs. Eligibility is determined solely by the VA. Visit the [VA website](#) or call the VA Education Hotline at [1-888-442-4551](tel:1-888-442-4551) to inquire about benefits.

Contact Us

Ready to take the next step in **completing your bachelor's degree** and enroll in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Programs?

Start Your Application

[Email](#) our enrollment team to schedule a one-on-one consultation and discuss admissions requirements, financial aid and more.