

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES TEACHING LICENSURE

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR PROGRAM

The Department of Philosophy/Modern Language/ Interdisciplinary Studies offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Building upon a foundation of four interdisciplinary courses, each student designs the remainder of his/her major program by selecting offerings from at least two other departments, offerings which accord with chosen career objectives. Students graduating with a degree in interdisciplinary studies will be able to:

- C express themselves effectively orally and in writing.
- C apply course materials to improve rational thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making.
- C explain how professionals in their chosen fields of study go about the process of gaining new knowledge.
- C analyze readings to determine major points and supporting arguments.
- C interpret an author's procedures and ideological assumptions and recognize the implications of his/her argument.
- C use principal reference works and library aids to locate information in the chosen area of study.
- C articulate ethical/value issues within his/her chosen field of study and set forth his/her carefully considered position on some of these issues.
- C cite sources accurately and appropriately.
- C organize and relate information and ideas from multiple sources dealing with a specific issue in the chosen area of study.
- C examine issues from different perspectives, particularly the methodological perspectives of different disciplines within the chosen area of study.

Interdisciplinary Studies Major Requirements

All junior and senior students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies must maintain a GPA of no lower than 2.5. Of the 42 credits required in the major, 12 are required interdisciplinary studies courses; the remaining 30 credits consist of courses from at least two other departments, which then constitute the student's chosen area of study. (See "Areas of Study")

IDST 320	Interpretation	3 cr
IDST 401	Senior Seminar	3 cr
Two other Interdisciplinary Studies courses		6 cr
Lower level courses from at least 2 other programs		12 cr
Upper level courses from at least 2 other programs		<u>18 cr</u>

TOTAL INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

TEACHING LICENSURE

Students majoring in interdisciplinary studies (with a liberal arts area of study) may opt to pursue initial teacher licensure as an early childhood teacher, elementary teacher, or a middle school teacher. Also, depending on the course work completed for the major, students may be eligible for licensure in a particular subject area for the middle school level, such as general science, humanities and math/science. These students will complete an interdisciplinary studies major, education major, and a licensure program in education.

AREAS OF STUDY

The interdisciplinary studies major is unique in that it allows students the opportunity to design an area of study in a conceptually related area of human knowledge that spans two or more of the College's academic disciplines. During their sophomore year, majors explore their options for further interdisciplinary work and identify the area of study they wish to pursue. Possibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

American Studies*	International Studies*
Community Development	Language Studies*
Criminal Justice	Natural Sciences*
Cultural Studies*	Public Administration
General Science*	Social Sciences*
Health Service Management	Travel and Tourism
Humanities*	
Human Development	

* Liberal Arts Area of Study

It is important to stress that an area of study is a group of conceptually related courses within the interdisciplinary studies major; it does not, itself, constitute a major. When combined with the 12-credit foundation of the major, the area of study is an excellent foundation for more advanced work in a chosen field.

What follows is a presentation of several examples of models of interdisciplinary programs. American Studies and International Studies are good examples of broad topics while Political Communication and Science Writing illustrate more narrowly focused subject matter. Please note that there are many choices of courses within each model program and that these are only a few of the dozens of possible programs that students can create.

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AMERICAN STUDIES

Area of Study - Example Requirements

The program in American Studies offered through the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies allows students to focus on the American experience in the past and in the contemporary world.

Note that the listing of courses that follow represents an example of a potential grouping of courses for an Interdisciplinary Area of Study in American Studies. Interdisciplinary Study programs allow for selection of courses agreed upon between a student and a faculty advisor. This may vary from the following list and could include additional course or prerequisite requirements.

IDST 320 Interpretation
IDST 401 Senior Seminar

Two IDST courses dealing with topics appropriate to the American Studies Program

Two lower level courses in American History
HIST 203 American History I
HIST 204 American History II

Three upper-level courses in American History to be selected from the below list:
HIST 315 Topics in American Studies
HIST 320 Topics in American History

Two lower-level courses in American Literature
ENGL 250 Introduction to Literature
ENGL 265 Literary Theme
ENGL 270 Literary Genre

Three upper-level courses in American Literature
ENGL 351-365 (American Topic)
ENGL 366-380 Texts in Context (American Topic)
ENGL 381-394 Diverse Voices in American Culture

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

Area of Study - Example Requirements

The following is a possible course of study for students interested in a career writing about political events. The suggested courses offer one way of acquiring both writing skills and knowledge of politics and the political process.

Note that the listing of courses that follow represents an example of a potential grouping of courses for an Interdisciplinary Area of Study in Political Communication. Interdisciplinary Study programs allow for selection of courses agreed upon between a student and a faculty advisor. This may vary from the following list and could include additional course or prerequisite requirements.

IDST 320 Interpretation
IDST 401 Senior Seminar

Two additional IDST courses

ENGL 211 Introduction to Mass Media
ENGL 239 Writing & Reporting the News I

Select three of the following
ENGL 303 Writing Prose
ENGL 305 Magazine Writing and Editing
ENGL 319 Global Issues in Communication
ENGL 321 News Editing Practicum
ENGL 323 Publication Design and Typography
ENGL 328 Issues In Journalism
ENGL 427 Senior News Practicum

Six credits of lower-level work in political science

Nine credits of upper-level work in political science.

SCIENCE WRITING

Area of Study - Example Requirements

The following is a possible course of study for students interested in a career writing about science for a general audience. The suggested courses offer one way of acquiring both writing skills and knowledge of a particular science.

Note that the listing of courses that follow represents an example of a potential grouping of courses for an Interdisciplinary Area of Study in Science Writing. Interdisciplinary Study programs allow for selection of courses agreed upon between a student and a faculty advisor. This may vary from the following list and could include additional course or prerequisite requirements.

IDST 320 Interpretation
IDST 330 Evolution and Values
IDST 360 Society and Disease
IDST 401 Senior Seminar

ENGL 211 Introduction to Mass Media
ENGL 239 Writing & Reporting the News I

Select three of the following
ENGL 303 Writing Prose
ENGL 305 Magazine Writing and Editing
ENGL 309 Technical Writing
ENGL 321 News Editing Practicum
ENGL 323 Publication Design and Typography
ENGL 328 Issues In Journalism
ENGL 427 Senior News Practicum

Six credits of lower-level work in science

Nine credits of upper-level work in the same science.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Area of Study - Example Requirements

International Studies allows students to focus on cultures outside the United States and the play of politics and culture viewed from an international perspective.

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IDST 320	Interpretation
IDST 401	Senior Seminar

Two IDST courses dealing with international topics

Four courses from the following (no more than two history courses):

ANTH 130	Intro. to Socio-Cultural Anthropology.
HIST 103	Pre-Modern World Civilization
HIST 104	Modern World Civilization
HIST 106	Latin American Civilization
GEOG 120	World Regional Geography
GEOG 130	Human Geography
MUSI 253	World Music
PHIL 110	World Religions
POSC 202	Intro. to Poli Sci: Comparative Gov't

Three courses from two of the following groups:

HIST 305	Topics in European History
HIST 310	Topics in Non-Western History
HIST 331	History of Canada
HIST 332	History of Mexico
POSC 320	International Relations
POSC 331	Africa
SPAN 300	Spanish Conversation
SPAN 301	Adv. Spanish Grammar & Composition
SPAN 310	Hispanic Civilization

ANTH 320	Peoples of the Middle East
ANTH 321	Peoples of the Caribbean
ANTH 322	Peoples of China
ANTH 323	Peoples of Africa
ANTH 350	Anthropology of Religion
ANTH 365	Sex Roles and Society
ANTH 370	Culture, Power and Protest

ECON 340	Money, Banking and Global Fin. Markets
ENGL 319	Global Issues in Communication
ENGL 400	Intercultural Communication

HISPANIC STUDIES

Area of Study - Example Requirements

This interdisciplinary program has been crafted to allow students who have an interest in Spanish to pursue relevant studies in that field. The program provides instruction and research opportunities in basic as well as advanced aspects of the Spanish language, and Hispanic and Latino culture.

Note that the listing of courses that follow represents an example of a potential grouping of courses for an Interdisciplinary Area of Study in Hispanic Studies. Interdisciplinary Study programs allow for selection of courses agreed upon between a student and a faculty advisor. This may vary from the following list and could include additional course or prerequisite requirements.

IDST 320	Interpretation
IDST 401	Senior Seminar
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN 300	Spanish Conversation
SPAN 301	Adv. Spanish Grammar and Composition
HIST 106	Latin American Civilization
ENGL 387	Latino/a American Literature
ENGL 397	Latin American Film

Two electives from IDST

Two 300-level Spanish electives

One 100/200 level relevant elective

One 300/400/500 level relevant elective

CONTEMPORARY CULTURE/ CULTURAL STUDIES

Area of Study - Example Requirements

The field of Cultural Studies, drawing as it does from the diverse disciplines of Anthropology, Sociology, Communication Theory, Philosophy as well as all the area of study associated with post-modernism is, arguably, the most significant development in the humanities and social sciences over the last fifty years. This program is designed to provide qualified undergraduates, first, with the kinds of data used by theorists of culture and, second, with several of the theoretical frameworks those same theorists employ to make sense out of unprocessed information.

Note that the listing of courses that follow represents an example of a potential grouping of courses for an Interdisciplinary Area of Study in Contemporary Culture/Cultural Studies. Interdisciplinary Study programs allow for selection of courses agreed upon between a student and a faculty advisor. This may vary from the following list and could include additional course or prerequisite requirements.

IDST 320	Interpretation
IDST 401	Senior Seminar

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Two other IDST courses

Four courses from the following list:

ENGL 311 Cultural Theories in Conflict
ENGL 319 Global Issues in Communication
ENGL 340 Literature and Society
ENGL 366-380 Texts in Context
ENGL 381-394 Diverse Voices
ENGL 397 Special Topics in Film
ENGL 481 Special Topics in Mass Communication
ENGL 481 Semiotics and Significations

Two courses from the following list:

PHIL 350 Contemporary Moral Issues
PHIL 360 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 385 Theories of Justice

Four courses from the following list:

ANTH 365 Sex Roles and Society
ANTH 370 Culture, Power and Protest
POSC 300 Politics and the News Media
PSYC 325 Environmental Psychology
PSYC 356 Psychology of Gender
SOC 312 Sociological Theory
SOC 360 Women, Music and MTV

COURSE LISTINGS

IDST 220 Science in History

3 cr

Examines western science in historical context, including its relationship to technology and medicine, its institutional basis, and its relevance to politics and religion.

Prerequisite: None

IDST 310 Modeling Western Culture

3 cr

Presents students with an overview of the conceptual structures and accompanying literary and artistic productions that define the West from the Greeks through the present. Special emphasis will be placed on the relationship between reason and God in the Middle Ages, the relationship between reason and progress in the 17th and 18th centuries and, finally, the declining role of reason in post-modernism.

Prerequisite: PHIL 100 or instructor approval

IDST 320 Interpretation

3 cr

Beginning with the consideration of the raw data with which scholars work, students proceed through the process by which meaning is constructed and then through the processes by which various interpretations can be challenged or defended, with special emphasis placed upon standards for distinguishing effective from ineffective arguments.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

IDST 330 The Idea Of . . .

3 cr

Focuses on a particular idea (e.g., "freedom," "love," "autonomy," "democracy"). Selected idea is examined from the perspective of different disciplines.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

IDST 340 Great Visions

3 cr

Focuses on a different person of vision (e.g., Galileo, Freud, Marx, Darwin). Exploration of the life, times, and work of the selected person utilizing literature from different disciplines.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

IDST 350 Great Epochs

3 cr

Focuses on a different epoch (e.g., "The Enlightenment," "The Nuclear Age"). Each epoch is examined using appropriate literature from different perspectives and disciplines.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

IDST 360 Explorations in Interdisciplinary Studies

3 cr

Focuses on a different topic or issue (e.g., "Society and Disease," "Science and Society," "Evolution and Faiths", "Biology and Gender"). Each topic is studied from the vantage point of at least two different disciplines.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

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IDST 401 Senior Seminar

3 cr

Available only to senior interdisciplinary studies majors, this seminar requires students to carry out supervised research projects within their areas of study and to share the progress and results of their research with seminar participants.

Prerequisite: Senior IDST Major

IDST 500 Directed Independent Study

3 cr

Open to junior and senior IDS majors who wish to read in a given area or to study a topic in depth. Written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor are required.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status; department approval

IDST 540 Interdisciplinary Internship

1-6 cr

Offers seniors field experience that actively and extensively draws upon the concepts, principles, and skills of at least two different disciplines. The internship must include a strong writing component in which the student interprets his/her field experience with reference to key ideas and themes of the relevant disciplines.

Prerequisite: Senior status and department approval