

# **B.A.** in Interdisciplinary Studies

**Overview** 

**Degree Requirements** 

# **Description**

The B.A. in interdisciplinary studies is a degree program that allows students to create a flexible degree program around a unifying theme or problem that integrates more than one disciplinary perspective. This degree may fit academic or career interests that cannot be accommodated by the university's traditional academic programs. In particular, students who anticipate graduate or professional study in an area that does not require a specific undergraduate specialty (business, law, or medicine, for example) may find this program especially well-suited to their needs and interests. Students may select from two options, depending on the flexibility desired in pursuing the theme or problem.

# Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120 General Education Requirements

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the College of Liberal Arts.

#### **Course Requirements**

A B.A. in interdisciplinary studies consists of 48 credit hours, including a 6 hour core of IDS 101 and IDS 499 and a 42-credit hour approved plan of study around a unifying theme or problem. The IDS 499 capstone may be substituted with an approved capstone or project from a department or an approved internship. The 42-credit-hour plan of study must include at least 27 hours at the 300 level or higher and 30 hours from the College of Liberal Arts. Students choose between two options to complete the degree.

Option A: Students construct a 48-credit-hour plan of study around a unifying theme or problem consisting of at least two disciplines with no more than 21 credit hours in the same discipline.

Option B: Students construct a 48-credit-hour plan of study around a unifying theme or problem consisting of two minors and complementary courses appropriate to the theme. One of the minors must come from the College of Liberal Arts. At least 12 hours in each minor must be at the 300 level or higher.

## Other Academic Requirements

Students must achieve a grade of C or better in each class that counts toward the major.

## **Specializations**

- Emphasis Option A
- Emphasis Option B

