

B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

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, an approved honors thesis, or an approved internship. The 48-credit-hour plan of study must include at least 21-27 hours at the 300 level or higher (depending on the disciplines chosen) and 24 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 6-12 hours in each minor must be at the 300 level or higher (depending on the discipline chosen).

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](#)

