INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BA)

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

Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following First Year Writing I courses:		3
WRIT 1000	Introduction to College Writing	
or WRIT 1011	First-Year Writing I	
Select one of the following First Year Writing II courses:		3
WRIT 1020	First-Year Writing II	
or LIBA 1020	First Year Seminar	
Select six hours of literature survey from the following:		6
ENGL 2220	Survey in Literary History	
ENGL 2221	Survey of World Literature to 1650	
ENGL 2222	Survey of World Literature since 1650	
ENGL 2223	Survey of American Lit to the Civil War	
ENGL 2224	Survey of American Lit since Civil War	
ENGL 2225	Survey of British Lit to 18th Century	
ENGL 2226	Survey of Brit Lit since Romantic Period	
Select six hours of one modern or ancient language at the 2000 level or above [1]		6
Select six hours of History course work [2]		6
Select three hours of humanities courses from the following areas: [3]		3
African American Studies		
Classical Civilization		
ENVS 1010	Humanities and the Environment	
ISOM 2010	Introduction to Gender Studies	
ISOM 2020	Introduction to Queer Studies	
ISOM 3100	Topics in Gender and Culture	
ISOM 3110	Women, Gender & the Environment	
ISOM 3130	Theories in Gender	
ISOM 3140	Men, Women, and Greek Life	
ISOM 3150	Gender and Sexuality in Cinema	
ISOM 3153	Gender and Sexuality in the Media	
ISOM 4120	Advanced Queer Studies	
Philosophy		
Religion		
Southern Studies (Any 1000 Level only)		
RHET 2010	Introduction to Rhetoric	
LIBA 2020	Interdisciplinary Humanities	
LIBA 3050	Humanities and the Experience of War	
LIBA 3120	Advanced Interdisciplinary Humanities	
Select three hours of Fine Arts courses from the following: [2]		3
any Art History (ARTH) course		
DANC 2000	Dance Appreciation	
MUSC 1010	Introduction to Music Literature	
MUSC 1020	Fundamentals of Music Theory	
MUSC 1030	Introduction to Music	
MUSC 1040	Introduction to World Music Cultures	
MUSC 1050	Music Theory and Analysis I	
THEA 2010	Appreciation of the Theatre	
THEA 2020	Introduction to Cinema	
LIBA 1300	Introduction to the Fine Arts	
LIBA 2040	Interdisciplinary Arts	
LIBA 3140	Advanced Interdisciplinary Arts	
Select three hours of Math at the 1000 level or above [4]		3
Select six hours of Social Science from the following areas:		6
Anthropology		
Economics		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Sociology		
LIBA 2030	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences	
LIBA 3130	Advanced Interdisc Social Science	
3 science courses, of which 2 must have labs [5]		9-11
Astronomy OR Physics (must be 2 courses in Astronomy or 2 courses in Physics)		
Biology		
Chemistry		
Geology		
LIBA 1500	Integrated Science I	
LIBA 1510	Integrated Science II	
LIBA 2050	Interdisciplinary Sciences	
LIBA 2051	Interdisciplinary Lab Sciences	
LIBA 3150	Advanced Interdisciplinary Sciences	
LIBA 3151	Advanced Interdisciplinary Lab Sciences	
Total Hours		**48-50**

[1] Modern Languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, & Swahili.
Classics: Ancient Greek and Latin.
Communication Sciences & Disorders: American Sign Language

Philosophy and Religion: Hebrew

2 Freshmen may not register for 3000 level courses.

3 In addition, gender studies courses that are cross-listed with African American studies, classical civilization, English, modern languages, philosophy, or religion curses will satisfy this requirement.

4 Except for MATH 2451 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I and MATH 2452 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II

5 Courses may be chosen from astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, LIBA 2050 Interdisciplinary Sciences, LIBA 2051 Interdisciplinary Lab Sciences, LIBA 1500 Integrated Science I, LIBA 1510 Integrated Science II, LIBA 3150 Advanced Interdisciplinary Sciences, LIBA 3151 Advanced Interdisciplinary Lab Sciences and physics. Two semesters of coursework in one subject and one semester in a subject from another department are required. Each course must be a minimum of 3 credit hours. At least two of the courses taken must include laboratories. For some classes, the required laboratory will be an additional 1-hour course. For example, a student might take two 3-hour lecture courses in chemistry along with the two associated 1-hour laboratory courses, and one 3-hour course in biology without laboratory. As a second example, a student might take two 4-hour lecture/laboratory courses in geology and one 3-hour course in astronomy. As a third example, a student might take two chemistry courses, one with lab and one without, and a geology course with lab. Note that a student taking the required 6 hours of one subject (astronomy or physics) from the Department of Physics and Astronomy must take the remaining 3 hours from another department. ASTR 1110 Descriptive Astronomy does not include laboratory work; ASTR 1212 Intro Astronomy of the Solar System and ASTR 1312 Intro Astronomy of Stars and Galaxies include laboratory work and satisfy the requirements for lab-based science credits. A student may not receive credit for taking ASTR 1110 Descriptive Astronomy with either ASTR 1212 Intro Astronomy of the Solar System or ASTR 1312 Intro Astronomy of Stars and Galaxies.

A B.A. in interdisciplinary studies consists of 48 credit hours, including a 6-hour core of IDST 1010 Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies and IDST 4990 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone and a 42 credit hour approved plan of study around a unifying theme or problem. The 48 credit-hour plan of study must include at least 21-27 hours at the 3000 level or higher (depending on the disciplines chosen) and 24 hours from the College of Liberal Arts.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
IDST 1010 & IDST 4990	Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone [1]	6
Total Hours		**6**

1 The IDST 4990 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone capstone may be substituted with an approved capstone or project from a department or an approved internship.

Emphasis - Option A

Option A: Students construct a 42-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.

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Emphasis - Option B

Option B: Students construct a 42-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 3000 level or higher (depending on the discipline chosen).

Grade Requirement

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