Bachelor's of Interdisciplinary Studies – 2019 Catalog Year

Are you puzzling over what major to choose? Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) is a customizable degree that allows you to design your own program. This degree enables you to study multiple disciplines, which can make you a very desirable candidate to employers looking for employees with diversified skill sets. The interdisciplinary studies degree includes coursework in four main areas: Social Science & Business, STEM, Arts & Humanities, and Interdisciplinary Studies. Because the interdisciplinary degree includes so much breadth in the topics you study, IDS students have an alternative General Education (GE) requirement. The following information shows you how to put together the pieces of your IDS degree.

Core Requirements

IDS General Education (24 credits)
- Religion (14 credits)
- Math (3 credits)
- Writing (6 credits)
- College Success (1 credit)

Interdisciplinary Courses (8-9 credits)
- IDS 101 (3 credits): Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies
- IDS 301 (3 credits): Interdisciplinary Innovation
- IDS 297R (1 credit): Applied Learning Project
- IDS 398R or IDS 499 (1-2 credits): Internship or Capstone

Disciplinary Coursework

Coursework in Three Academic Areas (51-81 credits)
IDS students have an alternative GE requirement because the topics they study for their IDS degree come from three different disciplines. IDS students are required to select degree elements from three main academic areas:
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (Blue)
- Arts & Humanities (Orange)
- Social Science & Business (Red)

Students choose a concentration from one area and choose a minor, certificate, or cluster from the other two areas. Students can choose any combination of the three areas, but in order to qualify for the reduced GE requirement, they must include all three areas in their IDS degree.

General Elective Credits (6-37 credits)

Three Student Examples:
Choose Your Concentration
Choose a concentration from one of the three areas of study (Arts & Humanities, STEM, and Social Sciences & Business) shown to the right.

Choose Two Minors, Clusters, or Certificates
Choose two additional areas of study to fulfill the remainder of your degree. You must choose from the areas of study you did not choose for your concentration. For example, if you choose a concentration in STEM you must choose Arts & Humanities and Social Science & Business for your minors/clusters/certificates. You can choose any combination of minors, certificates, and clusters but you must choose one from each area as shown in the examples on the previous page.

Four Types of Program Elements
Concentration: 27-33 credits
Minor: 20-24 credits
Certificate: 12-15 credits
Cluster: 12-25 credits

Notes:
* There is an alternative option to do two elements in the same area if you complete all the GE requirements. Contact Academic Advising for details. * The same class cannot be used in two different minors, clusters, or certificates.