

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with an Interdisciplinary Studies major

Bachelor of Science degree with an Interdisciplinary Studies major

For more formally defined options within the interdisciplinary studies major, see Dance Studies, Ethnic Studies, International Studies and Women's Studies.

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The Program

The student-designed interdisciplinary studies major provides structure for the formal study of an interdisciplinary theme encompassing three academic disciplines. This is intended to be an exceptional major with a high degree of academic rigor.

Participants create their own interdisciplinary majors in consultation with several advisors. Programs should explore intellectual or conceptual relationships between traditional areas of study.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The interdisciplinary major consists of approved coursework in three academic disciplines, planned according to the following instructions:

- Prior to acceptance into this major, students must be in good academic standing and must write a proposal justifying and explaining the major. Once a student has a draft of the proposal, she/he should meet with the interdisciplinary studies major coordinator.
- Both the program coordinator and the advisors of the disciplines chosen must approve a minimum of 49 units.
- Distribute 45 of these 49 units over three distinct areas or disciplines. (Include at least 33 upper division units within the 49.)
- Each of the three areas requires a minimum of 12 units, including at least six upper division units.
- After the major contract is signed by the coordinator and the advisors, at least 30 semester units must be completed within the major:

- No more than nine of the previously completed units may come from any one area.
- Students may not double count general education and major requirements.
- Complete all classes in the major with a grade of C or better except those that are mandatory credit/no credit.
- Senior Project: Complete a project, thesis, or culminating experience demonstrating the integration of the disciplines in the major. Students will enroll in three units of Directed Study (one unit from each area advisor). At the same time, students will enroll in SP 402 Senior Seminar (taught by the IS Coordinator). Evaluation and grading of the project will be done by the student's area advisors, and the IS Coordinator evaluates and grades the Senior Seminar.

