

Programs

Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.

(42 credits)

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is designed to allow students to create, in conjunction with a faculty advisor and the program director, their own plan of study by drawing on courses in at least three different departments or schools in order to study a specific theme, or set of questions of the student's own choosing. Interdisciplinary study is *interdisciplinary* in its intellectual focus, allowing students to use diverse methodologies in the study of a single subject; *experiential* in its purpose, asking students to apply knowledge across contexts and environments; and *reflexive* in its application, as students must plan the why and the how of their field of study from the very beginning of their academic journey through to their final research project.

Upon completing the program of study in Interdisciplinary Studies, students will:

- Demonstrate reflexive learning: the ability to re-examine material learned in the past and reconsider and/or reevaluate it in the changed context of further learning and experience.
- Demonstrate the ability to relate traditional academic learning to external contexts, everyday life, and broader issues and publics through experiential projects and assignments.
- Demonstrate the ability to understand, interpret, and analyze arguments and evidence in a wide variety of contexts.
- Demonstrate the ability to illustrate and analyze specific (inter)disciplinary and thematic connections and utilize those connections to apply learning from one particular context to another.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (42 credits)

Select twelve (36 credits) focused in at least three different departments or schools in order to study a specific theme, or set of questions of the student's own choosing. Students may take no more than four introductory level courses.

LS 380 Internship

LS 390 Independent Study

WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE

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