INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR

Liberal Studies, B.A.

The Interdisciplinary Studies major enables a student to design a course of study with mutually enhancing courses from more than one discipline in which the University has a major or a minor. The student, with an advisor from each of the disciplines, designs their program of meaningful coursework and submits it for approval to the chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies major. The student has the burden of showing that their course of study cannot be met through an existing major at the University. Working with the advisors from the disciplines they have chosen, they will select a minimum of ten courses from each of the disciplines, including four upper level (300-400) courses in residence, of which at least one is a research methods class, and one an internship. In their junior year, the student, with the help of their advisors, will select a research topic related to their course of study and complete a literature review. In the final semester, the student will submit a capstone portfolio, which includes the graded research paper as well as a journal and reflective paper evaluating their internship or co-op.

Degree requirements for the Interdisciplinary Studies major are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
University Core		
Behavioral/Social Science Electives		9
BUS 204	Financial Wellness	1
ENG 114	Critical Reading and Response	3
ENG 134	Literary Genres	3
Humanities Electives		9
Mathematics Elective		3
Science Electives (lab required)		7
WEL 100	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	3
or WEL 220	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	
WEL 350	Strategies for Career and Personal Growth	2
Major Requirements		
CMS 305	Communicating in Liberal Studies	3
Concentration Area I [1]		9
Concentration Area II [2]		9
ENG 124	Research and Writing in the Disciplines	3
Interdisciplinary Elective [3]		3
LAR 498	Liberal Studies Internship	3
General Electives		
General Electives		50
Total Credits Required		*120*

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Students must consult with their advisor to select coursework in this area.

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Students must select one of the following courses: LAR 498 Liberal Studies Internship (can be repeated), WEL 400 Leadership in Practice, WEL 440 Leadership in Practice