Division of Interdisciplinary Programs

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The Division of Interdisciplinary Programs includes six academic units: Enterprise Leadership, Global Health Studies, Interdepartmental Studies, International Studies, Latin American Studies, and Writing.

Of all the academic units within the division, three offer B.A. degrees, three offer a minor, and three offer a certificate.

Enterprise Leadership provides an option for students who want to focus on entrepreneurial business leadership. The major presents a unique blend of skills, theory, and content, encouraging students to apply their knowledge and skills to entrepreneurial and growing organizations. The program offers a combination of business and liberal arts approaches and allows students to hone their skills in innovation, entrepreneurship, communication, critical thinking, and leadership.

The Global Health Studies Program examines the processes influencing health and disease around the world. It considers not only the manifestations of significant diseases and public health and health care systems, but also the underlying forces and institutions—such as technology, politics, culture, legal structure, history, and economics—that collectively influence patterns of health and disease. This program offers a minor and an undergraduate and graduate certificate.

Interdepartmental Studies provides an alternative to traditional undergraduate majors. It gives students the opportunity to design an individualized plan of study or to choose a preapproved plan in applied human services, business studies, or health science. Each track includes course work from a variety of departments. Interdepartmental Studies offers a B.A. degree.

International Studies is designed to help students learn to appreciate world cultures, focus on themes of global significance, and master varied disciplinary approaches used to study international issues. The program complements a wide range of academic degree programs and is an appropriate choice for many students who plan to pursue a double major. International Studies offers a B.A. degree and an undergraduate minor.

The Latin American Studies Program focuses on the history, politics, social organization, economy, geography, music, religion, art, and literature of Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean; and draws on faculty expertise in a range of academic areas. This program offers a minor and an undergraduate certificate.

The Writing Program certificate allows students to explore writing and develop their own writing skills in a wide range of genres and for varied purposes, including creative writing (fiction, nonfiction, poetry); writing for the professions, such as the arts, business, journalism, or science; writing for organizations; and writing related to personal interests. The Writing Program offers an undergraduate certificate.