Division of
Interdisciplinary Programs

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The Division of Interdisciplinary Programs includes seven academic units: Enterprise Leadership, Global Health Studies, Interdepartmental Studies, International Studies, Latin American Studies, Latina/o/x Studies, and the Magid Center for Undergraduate Writing.

Of all the academic units within the division, four offer B.A. degrees, one offers a B.S. degree, four 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. It is designed to prepare students for career success—whether they desire to be an innovator inside a large organization or aspire to be an entrepreneur and launch their own business one day. The program offers a combination of business and liberal arts approaches and allows students to hone their skills in innovation, entrepreneurship, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and leadership. Enterprise Leadership offers a B.A. degree.

The Global Health Studies Program builds upon the humanities, social sciences, and health sciences to help students understand underlying forces—such as history, culture, gender and sexuality, economics, politics, race and ethnicity, the environment, law, and technology—which lead to health disparities worldwide. This program offers a B.A. degree, a B.S. degree, 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 coursework from a variety of departments. Interdepartmental Studies offers a B.A. degree.

The engaged social innovation track combines coursework and experiential learning with a student-designed capstone internship. By focusing on coursework with a strong hands-on component, the track prepares students to bring social change through innovation to communities. Admission to the track is selective. Applicants must show evidence of commitment to community engagement and service.

International Studies is designed to help students learn to appreciate world cultures and to focus on themes of global significance. It offers a multidisciplinary approach to international issues and global connections. 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, drawing on faculty expertise in a range of academic areas. This program offers a minor and an undergraduate certificate.

Latina/o/x Studies offers an interdisciplinary perspective on the history, culture, politics, and experiences of Latina/o/x populations in the United States. Latina/o/x Studies introduces the peoples that have a long-term presence in the United States and in the Midwest and who are increasingly neighbors, classmates, and coworkers. This program offers an undergraduate minor.

The Magid Center for Undergraduate Writing offers the undergraduate Certificate in Writing. The certificate program allows students to explore writing and develop their 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 certificate is available online and on campus. The literary publishing track, which provides students the opportunity to prepare for work in the field of publishing, is only available on campus.