

Interdepartmental Studies, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in interdepartmental studies requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 37 s.h. of work for the major. The total semester hours required depends on the track and emphasis. Students completing the interdepartmental studies major must complete at least 15 s.h. of work for the major at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Students choose one of three tracks for the major: applied human services, business studies, or health science. Students may declare any of the tracks without an application. The Academic Advising Center advises interdepartmental studies students; contact the center for more information about requirements.

Requirements for each track of the major include foundation courses, emphasis area courses, and a career preparation component. The applied human services track offers one emphasis area: community-based services. The business studies track offers three emphasis areas: organizational practice and perspectives, arts management, and technology and inquiry. The health science track offers three emphasis areas: cultural contexts, entrepreneurial, and multidisciplinary science.

Interdepartmental studies students who earn a second major may count a maximum of two courses from the second major toward the interdepartmental studies major. The exception to this rule is that there is no limit on the number of GE CLAS Core courses that can overlap between the two majors. Students who earn the major in interdepartmental studies may earn the major in global health studies as long as they select an emphasis in interdepartmental studies other than the cultural contexts emphasis in the health science track.

Students majoring in interdepartmental studies may earn certificates in other programs, departments, or colleges.

Interdepartmental studies students who earn minors in other departments or programs may not count courses from the minors toward the interdepartmental studies major. The exception to this rule is that there is no limit on the number of GE CLAS Core courses that can overlap between the minors and the interdepartmental studies major.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Regardless of the track or emphasis chosen, students completing a BA with a major in interdepartmental studies

are required to complete one of the career preparation component courses listed below. For the other major requirements, which vary by track and emphasis area, see Applied Human Services, Business Studies, and Health Science.

Career Preparation Component

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these (at least 1 s.h.):		
INTD:4099	Interdepartmental Studies Practicum	arr.
CCP:1201	Academic Internship	1-3
CCP:1301	Communication for the Workplace	1
CCP:1302	Office Etiquette for the Workplace	1
CCP:1303	Successful Teamwork for the Workplace	1
CCP:1306	Student Employment for Career Success	2
CCP:2001	Graduate Admissions 101	1
CCP:2004	Internships: Search, Secure, and Succeed	1
CCP:3102	Job Search Essentials	1-3
CCP:3104	Defining Your Career Path	2
CCP:3105	Transitioning From Campus to the Workplace	1
CCP:3107	Social Media for Your Job Search	1
CCP:3108	Happiness at Work	2
LS:2002	Career Leadership Academy Part 1: Leadership in Practice	3
LS:2013	Strengths-Based Leadership	1
LS:3002	Career Leadership Academy Part 2: Leadership in Action	3