

Interdepartmental Studies, BA

Learning Outcomes

After completing any of the three tracks—applied human services, business studies, or health science—in the interdepartmental studies major, students will:

- possess the mathematical skills to present and understand data and to create probability models, or to design, analyze, and interpret research using a correlational design;
- understand how social and/or political issues shape economic behavior, or how key anthropological concepts assist in comprehending global or societal problems; and
- synthesize key concepts or techniques related to the track they are pursuing.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in interdepartmental studies requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 36 s.h. of work for the major (total semester hours required depends on the track). 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 also must 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 them without an application.

Students follow a preapproved study plan, which includes foundation courses and a selection of emphasis areas. 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.

The BA with a major in interdepartmental studies requires the following coursework.

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Applied Human Services Track

Students in the applied human services track may not earn a minor in human relations. Students in this track may count courses that reside in another college outside the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) toward their residence requirement. For example, Department of Counselor Education courses (prefix CSED) offered through the College of Education will be accepted toward the CLAS residence requirement for students in the applied human services track.

The applied human services track requires 37–41 s.h. of work for the major. It provides a preapproved plan of study that combines a generalized psychology background with one emphasis area: community-based services.

Applied human services track students must complete foundation coursework (24–26 s.h.), the emphasis area (at least 12 s.h.), and a career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.). They must complete a minimum of 15 s.h. of work for the major at the University of Iowa. The Academic Advising Center advises applied human services track students; contact the center for more information about requirements.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	24-26
Emphasis Area	12
Career Preparation Component	1-3

Applied Human Services Track: Foundation Courses

Psychology Core

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3
One of these:		
PSY:2811	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I	3
STAT:1010	Statistics and Society	3
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4

Human Relations Core

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
CCCC:2220	Foundations of Critical Cultural Competence	3
CSED:4197	Citizenship in a Multicultural Society	3
Both of these:		
CSED:4195	Ethics in Human Relations and Counseling	3

CSED:4199	Counseling for Related Professions	3
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Psychology Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Three of these:		
PSY:2301	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
PSY:2401	Introduction to Developmental Science	3
PSY:2501	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSY:2601	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4

Community-Based Services Emphasis

Students who choose the community-based services emphasis complete the elective component (12 s.h.) and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

Community-Based Services Emphasis: Elective Component

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
CSED:4110	Psychology of Food and Mood	3
CSED:4113	Sleep, Sleep Deprivation, and Sleep Disorders	3
CSED:4114	Psychology of Body Modification and Self-Image	3
CSED:4130	Human Sexuality	3
CSED:4132	Introduction to Addictions and Impulse Control Disorders	3
CSED:4140	Foundations of Leadership for Community Agencies	3
CSED:4145/ PSQF:4145	Marriage and Family Interaction	3
CSED:4162/ PSQF:4162	Introduction to Couple and Family Therapy	3
CSED:4173	Trauma Across the Lifespan	3
CSED:4174	Positive Psychology	3
CSED:4175	Motivational Interviewing	3
CSED:4178	Microcounseling	3
CSED:4179	Sexuality Within the Helping Professions	3
CSED:4180	Topical Seminar for Helping Professionals	arr.
CSED:4185	Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
CSED:4187/ EDTL:4987	Introduction to Assistive Technology	3
CSED:4193	Individual Instruction - Undergraduate	arr.
CSED:4194	Interpersonal Effectiveness	3
PSQF:1027	Mindfulness Foundations in the Helping Professions	3
PSY:2930	Abnormal Psychology: Health Professions	3

SSW:3712/ NURS:3712	Human Sexuality, Diversity, and Society	1-3
SSW:3729	Substance Use and Abuse	2-3
SSW:3797	Child Welfare Policy and Practice	3

Community-Based Services Emphasis: 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
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

Business Studies Track

Students in the business studies track may not earn a business administration minor.

The business studies track requires 37-46 s.h. of work for the major. It provides a preapproved plan of study that combines a generalized business background with a choice of three emphasis areas: organizational practice and perspectives, arts management, and technology and inquiry.

Business studies track students must complete foundation coursework (at least 11 s.h.), business electives (at least 10 s.h.), one emphasis area (at least 15 s.h.), and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.). They must complete a minimum of 15 s.h. of work for the major at the University of Iowa. The Academic Advising Center advises business studies track students; contact the center for more information about requirements.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	11-15
Business Electives	10-12
Emphasis Area	15-16
Career Preparation Component	1-3

Business Studies Track: Foundation Courses

Foundational Math

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
MATH:1005	College Algebra	4
MATH:1010	Trigonometry	3
Or one of these:		
MATH:1020	Elementary Functions	4
MATH:1340	Mathematics for Business	4
MATH:1350	Quantitative Reasoning for Business	4
MATH:1440	Mathematics for the Biological Sciences	4
MATH:1460	Calculus for the Biological Sciences	4
MATH:1550	Engineering Calculus I	4
MATH:1850	Calculus I	4

Foundational Statistics

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:2020	Probability and Statistics for the Engineering and Physical Sciences	3
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510	Biostatistics	3
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3

Foundational Economics

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4

Business Studies Track: Business Electives

Students complete four electives (at least 10 s.h.) from the following list.

Course #	Title	Hours
ACCT:2100	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
ACCT:2200	Managerial Accounting Analytics and Data Visualization	3
BAIS:3000	Operations Management	2
CS:2420	Analyzing Data for Informatics	3
CS:4400	Database Systems	3
ENTR:1350	Foundations in Entrepreneurship	3
FIN:3000	Introductory Financial Management	3
MGMT:2000	Introduction to Law	3

MGMT:2100	Introduction to Management	3
MKTG:3000	Introduction to Marketing Strategy	3

May include one of these:

BAIS:1500	Business Computing Essentials	2
CS:1020	Principles of Computing	3

Arts Management Emphasis

Students who choose the arts management emphasis must complete the administration component (6 s.h.), the history component (3 s.h.), the production component (3 s.h.), the elective component (3 s.h.), and one course from the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

Arts Management Emphasis: Administration Component

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
INTD:3510/ THTR:3510	Introduction to Arts Management	3
INTD:4510/ ENTR:4510/ THTR:4510	Arts Leadership Seminar	3
ENTR:2000	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	3

Arts Management Emphasis: History Component

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
ARTH:1010	Art and Visual Culture	3
ARTH:1020	Masterpieces: Art in Historical and Cultural Perspectives	3
ARTH:1030	Themes in Global Art	3
ARTH:1040	Arts of Africa	3
ARTH:1050	From Cave Paintings to Cathedrals: Survey of Western Art I	3
ARTH:1060	From Mona Lisa to Modernism: Survey of Western Art II	3
ARTH:1070	Asian Art and Culture	3
ARTH:1095/ NAIS:1095	Native American Art	3
COMM:1168	Music and Social Change	3
DANC:2060	Dance and Society in Global Contexts	3
DANC:3060	Western Concert Dance History: Romantic to Contemporary	3
ENGL:3440/ THTR:3440	American Drama Since 1900	3
MUS:1009	Jazz Cultures in America and Abroad	3
MUS:1066	Introduction to Film Music	3
MUS:1302	Great Musicians	3
MUS:1303	Roots, Rock, and Rap: A History of Popular Music	3
MUS:1310	World Music	3

MUS:1720	History of Jazz	3
MUS:1800	World of the Beatles	3
MUS:2005	Issues in Popular Music: Women Who Rock	3
MUS:2311/ LAS:2311	Music of Latin America and the Caribbean	3
MUSM:3001/ ANTH:3001/ EDTL:3001/ SIED:3001	Introduction to Museum Studies	3
MUSM:3120	Museum Origins	3
THTR:1400	Theatre and Society: Ancients and Moderns	3
THTR:1401	Theatre and Society: Romantics and Rebels	3
THTR:1411	Comedy and Society	3
THTR:2410	History of Theatre and Drama I	3
THTR:2411	History of Theatre and Drama II	3

Arts Management Emphasis: Production Component

Course #	Title	Hours
3 s.h. from these:		
ARTS:1010	Elements of Art	3
ARTS:1020	Elements of 3D Design	3
ARTS:1030	Elements of Jewelry and Metal Arts	3
ARTS:1050	Elements of Printmaking	3
ARTS:1060	Elements of Digital Photography	3
ARTS:1080	Elements of Sculpture	3
ARTS:1510	Basic Drawing	3
ARTS:1520	Design Fundamentals	3
DANC:1010	Beginning Tap	3
DANC:1020	Beginning Jazz	3
DANC:1030	Beginning Ballet	3
DANC:1040	Beginning Modern Dance	3
DANC:1090	Dance Production	3
DANC:1120	Continuing Jazz	3
DANC:1130	Continuing Ballet	3
DANC:2020	Intermediate Jazz	3
DANC:2030	Majors Intermediate Ballet	3
DANC:2040	Majors Intermediate Contemporary Movement Practices	3
DANC:2085	Introduction to African Caribbean Dance Practices	3
DANC:3030	Major Ballet I	3
DANC:3040	Major Contemporary Movement Practices I	1-3
DANC:3080	Music Essentials for Dance	3
DANC:3530	Major Ballet II	3
DANC:3540	Major Contemporary Movement Practices II	3
MUS:1001	Group Piano I: Non-Music Majors	1
MUS:1020	Performance Instruction for Nonmajors	1

MUS:1160	University Band	1
MUS:1165	Hawkeye Marching Band	1
MUS:1166	Large Pep Band	1
MUS:1176	Voxman Chorale	1
MUS:1180	Campus Symphony Orchestra	1
MUS:2020	Lower Level Voice	arr.
MUS:2021	Lower Level Piano	arr.
MUS:2022	Lower Level Organ	arr.
MUS:2023	Lower Level Violin	arr.
MUS:2024	Lower Level Viola	arr.
MUS:2025	Lower Level Cello	arr.
MUS:2026	Lower Level String Bass	arr.
MUS:2027	Lower Level Flute	arr.
MUS:2028	Lower Level Oboe	arr.
MUS:2029	Lower Level Clarinet	arr.
MUS:2030	Lower Level Bassoon	arr.
MUS:2031	Lower Level Saxophone	arr.
MUS:2032	Lower Level Horn	arr.
MUS:2033	Lower Level Trumpet	arr.
MUS:2034	Lower Level Trombone	arr.
MUS:2035	Lower Level Euphonium	arr.
MUS:2036	Lower Level Tuba	arr.
MUS:2037	Lower Level Percussion	arr.
MUS:2038	Lower Level Jazz	2
MUS:3160	Symphony Band/Concert Band	1
MUS:3163	Iowa Steel Band	1
MUS:3170	Kantorei	1
MUS:3172	Camerata Singers	1
MUS:3174	University Choir	1
MUS:3180	Orchestra	1
MUS:3182	Chamber Orchestra	1
MUS:3730	Jazz Band	1
MUSM:3004	Exhibition Planning	3
THTR:1140	Basic Acting	3
THTR:2140	Acting I	3
THTR:2215	Theatre Technology	3
THTR:2301	Playwriting I	3

Arts Management Emphasis: Elective Component

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
INTD:3005/ CW:3005/ WRIT:3005	Professional and Creative Business Communication	3
ENTR:3100	Entrepreneurial Finance	3
ENTR:3200	Entrepreneurial Marketing	3
JMC:2600	Freedom of Expression	3
MGMT:2100	Introduction to Management (if not already used to fulfill foundation coursework requirement)	3

MGMT:3500/ ENTR:3595/ MUSM:3500/ NURS:3595/ RELS:3700/ SSW:3500	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I	3
MGMT:3600/ NURS:3600/ RELS:3701/ SSW:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II	3
MUSM:3001/ ANTH:3001/ EDTL:3001/ SIED:3001	Introduction to Museum Studies	3
MUSM:3200/ SEES:3200	Collection Care and Management	3
MUSM:4081/ ARTH:4081	The Art Museum: Theory and Practice	3
THTR:2610/ RHET:2610	Acting for Success	3

Arts Management Emphasis: 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
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

Organizational Practice and Perspectives Emphasis

Students who choose the organizational practice and perspectives emphasis must complete at least 3 s.h. from each of the four components (speaking and writing, communication and media, cultural diversity, and entrepreneurship) for a total of 15 s.h. and one course from the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.). The required 15 s.h. must include 9 s.h. earned in advanced

courses. Advanced courses for each component are noted in their respective course list.

Organizational Practice and Perspectives Emphasis: Speaking and Writing Component

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these or from the advanced courses:		
CNW:1620	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	3
CNW:2680/ ENGL:2730	The Art and Craft of Creative Nonfiction	3
COMM:1112	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM:1117	Advocacy and Argument	3
COMM:1130	The Art of Persuading Others	3
COMM:1816	Business and Professional Communication	3
CW:1800	Creative Writing Studio Workshop	3
CW:2100	Creative Writing	3
CW:2870	Fiction Writing	3
EDTL:2821/ COMM:2821	Oral Interpretation	3
RHET:2055	Persuasion and Advocacy	3
RHET:2065	Persuading Different Audiences: Launching a Successful Career	3
RHET:2070	Persuasive Stories	3
RHET:2085	Speaking Skills	3
RHET:2095	Fundamental Strategies of Persuasion	3
RHET:2350	Forensic Rhetoric	3
THTR:1140	Basic Acting	3
THTR:2610/ RHET:2610	Acting for Success	3
Advanced Courses		
INTD:3005/ CW:3005/ WRIT:3005	Professional and Creative Business Communication	3
INTD:3200/ CW:3218	Creative Writing for New Media	3
INTD:3300/ CW:3215	Creative Writing and Popular Culture	3
BUS:3800	Business Writing	3
CLSA:3742/ WRIT:3742	Word Power: Building English Vocabulary	3
CNW:3600/ ENGL:3800	Issues in Creative Nonfiction	3
CNW:3630/ ENGL:3730	Advanced Nonfiction Writing	3
CNW:3632/ ENGL:3732/ WRIT:3632	Prose Style	3
CNW:3633/ ENGL:3733	Personal Writing	3
CNW:3640	Writing for Business	3
CW:4745/ WRIT:4745	The Sentence: Strategies for Writing	3

CW:4760/ WRIT:4760	The Art of Revision: Rewriting Prose for Clarity and Impact	3
GWSS:3138/ SJUS:3138	Writing to Change the World	3
LING:3001	Introduction to Linguistics	3

Organizational Practice and Perspectives Emphasis: Communication and Media Component

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these or from the advanced courses:		
COMM:1170	Communication Theory in Everyday Life	3
COMM:1174	Media and Society	3
COMM:1305	Understanding Communication Research in Real Life	3
COMM:1306	Understanding Communication: Humanistic Approaches	3
COMM:1818	Communication Skills for Leadership	3
COMM:1819	Organizational Leadership	3
JMC:1100	Introduction to Media Effects	3
JMC:1200	Introduction to Media and Culture	3
JMC:1300	Introduction to Journalism and Strategic Communication	3
JMC:1500	Introduction to Social Media	3
JMC:2500	Community Media	3
LING:1040/ ANTH:1040	Language Rights	3
LS:1020	Introduction to Leadership	3
LS:2002	Career Leadership Academy Part 1: Leadership in Practice	3
Advanced Courses		
CSED:4111	Building Leadership and Success at Work	3
CSED:4140	Foundations of Leadership for Community Agencies	3
ENGL:3182	Digital Cultures and Literacies	3
EVNT:3154	Foundations of Event Management	3
EVNT:3260	Event Management Workshop	3
JMC:3530	Social Media Marketing	3
JMC:3540/ SMC:3540/ SPST:3181	The Business of Sport Communication	3
JMC:3710/ MUSM:3710	Fundraising Fundamentals	3
LS:3002	Career Leadership Academy Part 2: Leadership in Action	3
SOC:4225	The Social Psychology of Leadership	3

Organizational Practice and Perspectives Emphasis: Cultural Diversity Component

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these or from the advanced courses:		
AFAM:1020/ AMST:1030	Introduction to African American Culture	3
AFAM:1030	Introduction to African American Society	3
AFAM:2070/ COMM:2069	Black Television Culture	3
AFAM:2500	Black Culture and Experience: Contemporary Issues	3
AMST:1010	Understanding American Cultures	3
AMST:1049/ HIST:1049/ NAIS:1049	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies	3
ANTH:2165/ AMST:2165/ NAIS:2165	Native Peoples of North America	3
CCCC:2220	Foundations of Critical Cultural Competence	3
COMM:1898/ LATS:1898	Introduction to Latina/o/x Communication and Culture	3
DST:1101	Introduction to Disability Studies	3
ENGL:1350	Literature and Sexualities	3
GWSS:1001	Introduction to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies	3
GWSS:1002	Diversity and Power in the U.S.	3
HIST:1040	Diversity in History	3
HIST:2267/ AFAM:2267	African American History to 1877	3
HIST:2280/ LATS:2280	Introduction to Latina/o/x Studies	3
JMC:2600	Freedom of Expression	3
LATS:1700/ SPAN:1700	Latina/o/x Literature in the United States	3
LING:2900	Language and Gender	3
MUS:1009	Jazz Cultures in America and Abroad	3
MUS:1720	History of Jazz	3
POLI:1601	Introduction to Social Media and Politics	3
POLI:1800	Introduction to the Politics of Class and Inequality	3
RELS:1350/ AFAM:1250	Introduction to African American Religions	3
RELS:1810	Happiness in a Difficult World	3
RHET:2135/ SJUS:2135	Decoding Disability: Rhetoric of Access and Accommodations	3
SJUS:2240/ HIST:2149/ JSTU:2149/ RELS:2240	Introduction to Jewish Studies	3

SOC:1310/ GWSS:1310	Gender and Society	3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:2830	Race and Ethnicity	3
SPAN:2700/ IS:2700/LAS:2700/ PORT:2700	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3

Advanced Courses

AFAM:3925/ JMC:3165	African Americans and the Media	3
ASL:4201/ HIST:4201	History of the American Deaf Community	3-4
ENGL:3455	Jewish American Literature	3
ENGL:3467/ LATS:3467	Latina/o/x Literatures and Cultures	3
HIST:4216/ LAS:4216	Mexican American History	3
LATS:4800/ AMST:4800	Latina/o/x Popular Culture	3
RELS:3745/ AFAM:3245	Twentieth- and Twenty-first- Century African American Religion: Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter	3
SSW:3712/ NURS:3712	Human Sexuality, Diversity, and Society	1-3

**Organizational Practice and Perspectives
Emphasis: Entrepreneurship Component**

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these (all are advanced courses):		
INTD:4510/ ENR:4510/ THTR:4510	Arts Leadership Seminar	3
ECON:3650	Policy Analysis	3
ENR:2000	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	3
ENR:3100	Entrepreneurial Finance	3
ENR:3200	Entrepreneurial Marketing	3
ENR:3400	Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation	3
ENR:3500	Social Entrepreneurship	3
ENR:3600	Social Media Strategies for Entrepreneurial Ventures	3
ENR:4000	Topics in Entrepreneurship	2-3
ENR:4200	Entrepreneurship: Business Consulting	3
ENR:4300	Launching an Entrepreneurial Venture	3
ENR:4400	Managing the Growth Business	3
ENR:4460	Entrepreneurship and Global Trade	3
MGMT:3500/ ENR:3595/ MUSM:3500/ NURS:3595/ RELS:3700/ SSW:3500	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I	3

MGMT:3600/ NURS:3600/ RELS:3701/ SSW:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II	3
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**Organizational Practice and Perspectives
Emphasis: 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
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

Technology and Inquiry Emphasis

Students who choose the technology and inquiry emphasis must complete the applied technology component (6 s.h.), the analytics and research component (3 s.h.), the organizational communication component (6 s.h.), and one course from the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

**Technology and Inquiry Emphasis: Applied
Technology Component**

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
ARTS:1020	Elements of 3D Design	3
ARTS:1060	Elements of Digital Photography	3
ARTS:1070	Elements of Graphic Design	3
CS:1110	Introduction to Computer Science	3
CS:1210	Computer Science I: Fundamentals	4
CS:2110	Programming for Informatics	4
CS:2230	Computer Science II: Data Structures	4
DSGN:2500	Graphic Design I	3
DSGN:2600/ UICB:2600	Graphic Design II	3

GHS:3037	Technology to Improve Global Health	3
JMC:1500	Introduction to Social Media	3
JMC:3610	Graphic Design	3-4
SEES:3500/ IGPI:3500	Introduction to Environmental Remote Sensing	3

Technology and Inquiry Emphasis: Analytics and Research Component

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
CS:2210	Discrete Structures	3
PSQF:1075	Educational Psychology and Measurement	3
RELS:1050/ POLI:1050	Big Ideas: Introduction to Information, Society, and Culture	3
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
STAT:2010	Statistical Methods and Computing	3
STAT:2020	Probability and Statistics for the Engineering and Physical Sciences	3

Technology and Inquiry Emphasis: Organizational Communication Component

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 6 s.h. from these:		
INTD:3005/ CW:3005/ WRIT:3005	Professional and Creative Business Communication	3
INTD:3107/ CW:3107	Creative Writing for the Health Professions	3
INTD:3200/ CW:3218	Creative Writing for New Media	3
BAIS:3400	Cloud Computing	3
CNW:2730	The Art and Craft of Science Writing	3
CNW:3640	Writing for Business	3
COMM:1816	Business and Professional Communication	3
COMM:2011	Group Communication	3
COMM:2057	Introduction to Computer-Mediated Communication	3
RHET:2065	Persuading Different Audiences: Launching a Successful Career	3
THTR:2610/ RHET:2610	Acting for Success	3
WRIT:1500	Writing Commons: A Community of Writers	1-3

Technology and Inquiry Emphasis: 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
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

Health Science Track

The health science track requires 38–47 s.h. of work for the major. It provides a preapproved plan of study that combines a generalized health background with a varied choice of emphasis areas: multidisciplinary science, entrepreneurial, and cultural contexts.

Health science track students must complete foundation coursework (at least 22 s.h.), one emphasis area (at least 15 s.h.), and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.). They must complete a minimum of 15 s.h. for the major at the University of Iowa. The Academic Advising Center advises health science track students; contact the center for more information about requirements.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	22-29
Emphasis Area	15
Career Preparation Component	1-3

Health Science Track: Foundation Courses

Students must complete at least 22 s.h. of foundation courses from the following.

Foundational Chemistry

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
CHEM:1070	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM:1110	Principles of Chemistry I	4
One of these:		
CHEM:1080	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM:1120	Principles of Chemistry II	4

Foundational Biology

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
BIOL:1140	Human Biology: Nonmajors	4

BIOL:1141	Human Biology: Health Professions	4
BIOL:1411	Foundations of Biology	4

Foundational Math and Statistics

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
MATH:1020	Elementary Functions	4
MATH:1350	Quantitative Reasoning for Business	4
MATH:1440	Mathematics for the Biological Sciences	4
MATH:1460	Calculus for the Biological Sciences	4
MATH:1550	Engineering Calculus I	4
MATH:1850	Calculus I	4
PSQF:4143/ STAT:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510	Biostatistics	3

Foundational Social Science

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
ANTH:1101/IS:1101	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH:2100	Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems	3
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3-4
SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	3-4
SOC:1220	Principles of Social Psychology	3-4

Foundational Science Elective

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
ACB:3110	Principles of Human Anatomy	3
BIOL:1412	Diversity of Form and Function	4
HHP:3105	Anatomy for Human Physiology	3
MICR:2157	General Microbiology	3
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSY:2975	Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience	3

Foundational Elective

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
HHP:2200	Physical Activity and Health	3
HHP:2310	Nutrition and Health	3
HHP:3400	Applied Exercise Physiology	3
HHP:3500	Human Physiology	3

HHP:3550	Human Physiology With Laboratory	5
NURS:1030	Human Development and Behavior	3
PSY:2401	Introduction to Developmental Science	3
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4

Cultural Contexts Emphasis

Students who choose the cultural contexts emphasis area may not earn the Certificate in Global Health Studies or the minor in global health studies.

Students who choose the cultural contexts emphasis must complete 15 s.h. from the following list and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
ANTH:1046/ GWSS:1046/ SEES:1046/ SJUS:1046	Environmental Politics in India	3
CLSA:1181/ GHS:1181	Ancient Medicine	3
GHS:1200/ DST:1200/ GRMN:1200/ WLLC:1200	Disabilities and Inclusion in Writing and Film Around the World	3
GHS:1290/ AMST:1290/ HIST:1290/ NAIS:1290	Native American Foods and Foodways	3
GHS:2000/ ANTH:2103	Introduction to Global Health Studies	3
GHS:2080/ GWSS:2080	The Cultural Politics of HIV-AIDS	3
GHS:2110/ SEES:2110	Eight Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics	3
GHS:2164/ ANTH:2164	Culture and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
GHS:2181/ ANTH:2181/ ASP:2181	The Anthropology of Aging	3
GHS:2182/ ANTH:2182	Africa: Health and Society	3
GHS:2260/ RELS:2260	Hard Cases in Healthcare at the Beginning of Life	3
GHS:2265/ ASP:2265/ RELS:2265	Hard Cases in Healthcare at the End of Life	3
GHS:2320/ ANTH:2320	Origins of Human Infectious Disease	3
GHS:2415/ PHIL:2415	Bioethics	3
GHS:2650/ GWSS:2650	Global Reproduction	3
GHS:2770/ AFAM:2770/ SOC:2770	Black and White Community Politics	3
GHS:3010/ IGPI:3011	Social Science Approaches to Global Health	3

GHS:3015/ GWSS:3010	Transnational Sexualities	3	GHS:3732/ NURS:3732	Global Health Nursing	3
GHS:3030/ CPH:3240	Global Health Today (only one enrollment may count toward major)	1	GHS:3760/ SEES:3760	Hazards and Society	3
GHS:3035	Engaging in Global Health	1	GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431/ SEES:3780	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
GHS:3036	Ethics, Policy, and Global Health	3	GHS:3850/ HHP:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
GHS:3050/ ASP:3135/ SSW:3135	Global Aging	3	GHS:4000	Global Health Studies Service Learning: Local Health is Global Health	4
GHS:3060	Studies in Complementary and Alternative Medicine	3	GHS:4001	Social Entrepreneurship and Global Health	3
GHS:3070/ SEES:3090	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3	GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	3
GHS:3105/ CLSA:3105/ GWSS:3105/ WLLC:3105	Contraception Across Time and Cultures	3	GHS:4003	Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3
GHS:3110/ ANTH:3110/ CBH:4200/ NAIS:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3	GHS:4100	Topics in Global Health	1-3
GHS:3111/ SEES:3110	Geography of Health	3	GHS:4140/ ANTH:4140/ CBH:4140/ GWSS:4140	Feminist Activism and Global Health	3
GHS:3120	Global Maternal and Child Health	3	GHS:4150/ IGPI:4150/ SEES:4150	Health and Environment: GIS Applications	3
GHS:3150/ CBH:3150/JMC:3150	Media and Health	3	GHS:4205/ SPAN:4205	Culture, Language, and Health	3
GHS:3152/ ANTH:3152/ ASP:3152	Anthropology of Caregiving and Health	3	GHS:4260/ OEH:4260	Global Water and Health	3
GHS:3230	Health Experience of Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees	3	GHS:4530/ CPH:4220/ OEH:4530	Global Road Safety	3
GHS:3300/ SEES:3300	Envisioning Future Worlds: Sustainable Development and Its Alternatives	3	GHS:4770/ AFAM:4770/ SEES:4770	Environmental Justice	3
GHS:3325	Global Epidemics	3	GHS:4990	Independent Project in Global Health (only one enrollment may count toward major)	arr.
GHS:3327/ GWSS:3326	The Politics of Progress: NGOs, Development, and Sexuality	3			
GHS:3500/ CPH:3500	Global Public Health	3			
GHS:3508/ HIST:3508/ LAS:3508	Disease and Health in Latin American History	3			
GHS:3555/ HIST:3755/IS:3555	Understanding Health and Disease in Africa	3			
GHS:3560	Global Garbage and Global Health	3			
GHS:3600	Development in a Global Context I: Preparing for an Internship in Health, Gender, and Environment	2			
GHS:3700	Development in a Global Context II: Reflections on Real World Interventions	1			
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health (only one enrollment may count toward major)	3			

Cultural Contexts Emphasis: 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	MGMT:3600/ NURS:3600/ RELS:3701/ SSW:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II	3
CCP:3107	Social Media for Your Job Search	1			
LS:2002	Career Leadership Academy Part 1: Leadership in Practice	3	MKTG:3000	Introduction to Marketing Strategy	3
LS:2013	Strengths-Based Leadership	1			
LS:3002	Career Leadership Academy Part 2: Leadership in Action	3			

Entrepreneurial Emphasis

Students who choose the entrepreneurial emphasis area may not earn the Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management.

Students who choose the entrepreneurial emphasis must complete 15 s.h. from the following list and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
INTD:4510/ ENTR:4510/ THTR:4510	Arts Leadership Seminar	3
ACCT:2100	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
BUS:3800	Business Writing	3
CNW:3640	Writing for Business	3
ECON:3650	Policy Analysis	3
ECON:3760	Health Economics	3
ENTR:1350	Foundations in Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR:2000	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	3
ENTR:3100	Entrepreneurial Finance	3
ENTR:3200	Entrepreneurial Marketing	3
ENTR:3400	Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation	3
ENTR:3500	Social Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR:3600	Social Media Strategies for Entrepreneurial Ventures	3
ENTR:3700	Sustainable Innovation and Management	3
ENTR:4000	Topics in Entrepreneurship	1-3
ENTR:4100	International Entrepreneurship, Culture, and Social Impact	1-3
ENTR:4200	Entrepreneurship: Business Consulting	3
ENTR:4300	Launching an Entrepreneurial Venture	arr.
ENTR:4400	Managing the Growth Business	3
ENTR:4460	Entrepreneurship and Global Trade	3
MGMT:2100	Introduction to Management	3
MGMT:3500/ ENTR:3595/ MUSM:3500/ NURS:3595/ RELS:3700/ SSW:3500	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I	3

Entrepreneurial Emphasis: 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: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
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

Multidisciplinary Science Emphasis

Students who choose the multidisciplinary science emphasis must complete 15 s.h. from the following list and the career preparation component (at least 1 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
INTD:3107/ CW:3107	Creative Writing for the Health Professions	3
ANTH:2164/ GHS:2164	Culture and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH:2320/ GHS:2320	Origins of Human Infectious Disease	3
BIOL:2211	Genes, Genomes, and the Human Condition	3
BIOL:2254	Endocrinology	3
BIOL:2512	Fundamental Genetics	4
BIOL:2723	Cell Biology	3
BIOL:2753	Introduction to Neurobiology	3
BIOL:3253	Neurobiology I	4
BIOL:3254	Neurobiology II	4
BMB:3110	Biochemistry	3
BMB:3120	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I	3
BMB:3130	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3

CLSA:3750	Medical and Technical Terminology	2
CPH:1400	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
CPH:1800	Social and Psychological Determinants of Health: Changing Behavior, Improving Health	3
CPH:2400	The U.S. Health System in a Global Context	3
MED:1100	Introduction to Health Care Professions	3
MICR:2157	General Microbiology (if not taken as foundational science elective)	3
MICR:3164	Microbiology and Human Health	4
PSY:2930	Abnormal Psychology: Health Professions	3
SOC:3510	Medical Sociology	3
May include one of these:		
CHEM:2210	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM:2230	Organic Chemistry I for Majors	3
May include one of these:		
CHEM:2220	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM:2240	Organic Chemistry II for Majors	3
May include one of these:		
CHEM:2410	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	3
CHEM:2420	Organic Chemistry Laboratory for Majors	3
May include one of these:		
HHP:2310	Nutrition and Health (if not used to fulfill foundation requirement)	3
HHP:4440	Physiology of Nutrition (if not used to fulfill foundation requirement)	3
May include one of these:		
PHYS:1511	College Physics I	4
PHYS:1611	Introductory Physics I	4
May include one of these:		
PHYS:1512	College Physics II	4
PHYS:1612	Introductory Physics II	4

Multidisciplinary Science Emphasis: 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
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

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major; they usually complete the honors requirements of a particular department or program appropriate to their area of study. Students should initiate inquiries about graduating with honors in the interdepartmental studies major by contacting the Interdepartmental Studies Program (ISP) coordinator; they should inquire early in their junior year to allow time for foundation coursework. Students must submit an honors project approval form to the ISP coordinator.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requires that students who earn honors in the major maintain a minimum University of Iowa cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33 and a minimum major GPA of at least 3.33. Additional GPA standards and requirements are set by each department or program.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the interdepartmental studies major.

Career Advancement

Graduates in the applied human services, business studies, and health science tracks have career options in a variety of settings, including retirement homes, hospitals, health clubs, government agencies, insurance companies, and performing arts companies.

Students who create individualized plans of study stand out when they apply for jobs because their major emphasizes a unique set of strengths and interests. In addition, employers often are impressed by their enthusiasm and self-directed nature.

Many interdepartmental studies majors go on to graduate school.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The Four-Year Graduation Plan is available only to Interdepartmental Studies Program (ISP) students in the individualized plan of study track. Students in the other ISP tracks work with their advisors to develop individual graduation plans.

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: an approved individualized plan of study, at least six courses in the plan of study, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: a total of at least nine courses in the plan of study.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Applied Human Services Track

Community-Based Services Emphasis

This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.

Business Studies Track

Organizational Practice and Perspectives Emphasis

This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.

Health Science Track

Multidisciplinary Science Emphasis

This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.