Interdepartmental Studies

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Undergraduate major: interdepartmental studies (BA)

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The Interdepartmental Studies Program (ISP) gives students the opportunity to choose a preapproved plan of study in applied human services, business studies, or health science, or to design an individualized plan of study. Each track includes coursework from a variety of departments.

Students who plan to seek employment immediately after graduation should familiarize themselves with the educational background and qualifications required by employers and should include appropriate courses in their study programs.

Students preparing for advanced study should become familiar with the admissions requirements of graduate or professional schools that interest them. The earlier students decide to pursue graduate or professional study, the easier it is to complete the necessary prerequisites.

The Interdepartmental Studies Program is one of the academic units in the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs.

Undergraduate Program of Study

Major
• Major in Interdepartmental Studies (Bachelor of Arts)

Courses

Interdepartmental Studies Courses

INTD:3005 Professional and Creative Business Communication 3 s.h.
Solid foundation for creative and professional communication in today’s modern work world; exploration of techniques, strategies, and craft of writing résumés, letters of interest, email and its related etiquette, and organization of ideas into presentable form; semester-long creative project that builds a bridge between office and the world using modern technology and social media; readings and discussions of literature to better understand issues of ethics, leadership, conflict, moral judgment, decision-making, and human nature; how to navigate and succeed in business or any professional field. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as CW:3005, WRIT:3005.

INTD:3107 Creative Writing for the Health Professions 3 s.h.
GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as CW:3107.

INTD:3200 Creative Writing for New Media 3 s.h.
Prepares creative writers for evolving marketplace of electronic text and media; experience writing in varied media (e.g., internet, e-books, video games, mobile devices, emergent social narratives). GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as CW:3218.

INTD:3300 Creative Writing and Popular Culture 3 s.h.
Creative writing through the lens of popular culture; topics include television, film writing, adaptations, commercials, advertising, magazines, newspapers, comic books, song lyrics, billboards, and backs of cereal boxes. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as CW:3215.

INTD:3510 Introduction to Arts Management 3 s.h.
Nonprofit performing arts management and administrative principles; practical applications, trends in the field; focus on arts organizations and their key administrative positions. Same as THTR:3510.

INTD:4098 Independent Study arr.
Individual study of issues or topics related to a specific interdepartmental focus chosen by the student.

INTD:4099 Interdepartmental Studies Practicum arr.
Opportunity to relate a student’s chosen area of study to practical application. Requirements: interdepartmental studies student.

INTD:4510 Arts Leadership Seminar 3 s.h.
Performing arts management and administrative principles, practical applications, trends in arts leadership and advocacy. Prerequisites: THTR:3510 or ENTR:2000. Same as ENTR:4510, THTR:4510.