
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Studies

College of Arts & Humanities

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The Interdisciplinary Studies baccalaureate major is designed to give highly-motivated, self-directed students an opportunity to work with the faculty to create their own program and earn an undergraduate degree. Interdisciplinary Studies is a liberal-education program designed for students who wish to major in an interdisciplinary area with coherency of design.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

Admission to Major: Admission will be granted to students who meet eligibility requirements and who complete a formal application to the Interdisciplinary Studies program. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Student must have a current, cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, according to the Minnesota State Mankato records.
- Student should apply after earning a minimum of 32 semester credits and before completing 80 semester credits, according to Minnesota State Mankato records. Students having more than 80 credits may still be considered for the Interdisciplinary Studies program if they are willing to meet all requirements of the program.
- After meeting with the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, the student must submit a formal application on a form provided by the director.

Areas of Concentration. Students seeking the Interdisciplinary Studies degree will select three academic areas in which to concentrate their work. A faculty in each of the three areas of study should be selected to help them arrange and oversee their course work.

Continuation in Program. The following rules explain the requirements for a student to continue in the Interdisciplinary Studies program and to receive a university degree. The Interdisciplinary Studies major must:

- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA overall for the three areas of study.
 - Every course counted in the three areas must have a “C” or better, unless “P/NC” is specified for a course.
 - Complete all university’s graduation requirements.
 - Complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in each of the three areas of study.
 - Complete a capstone project synthesizing the areas of study in IDST 496.
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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES BS

Degree completion = 120 credits

Major Common Core

IDST 496 Capstone Experience (4)

Major Restricted Electives

Discipline One - (choose 15 credits)

Any Discipline 300-499

Discipline Two - (choose 15 credits)

Any Discipline 300-499

Discipline Three - (choose 15 credits)

Any Discipline 300-499

*Lower-division courses (100-200 level may be included with approval of the program director.

Required Minor: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

IDST 496 (4) Capstone Experience

Project synthesizing student’s three academic areas of concentration, to be arranged in consultation with program director and academic advisor(s) after minimum nine credits earned in each academic area. Project will culminate in presentation to director and advisor(s).
