INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, B.A.

120 Overall Credits Required

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WRITING REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Education Program

Students must complete a comprehensive three-tiered Liberal Education Program (LEP). View all requirements of the tiers on the Liberal Education Program. While the choice of courses that fulfill the requirements is generally left up to students, courses in the major and/or cognate may also satisfy LEP requirements. These shared courses are recommended below to fulfill both areas, although the course credits are only counted once towards the 120 credits required for graduation.

Tier 3 - Capstone IDS 401 Interdisciplinary Investigations of Globalization

Writing Requirements (“W-Courses”)

Three W-courses are required. These may not be taken until after a student has passed ENG 112 — Writing Arguments. W-courses may count toward LEP, major, or cognate requirements, as well as free electives. Course sections that meet this requirement are designated by section numbers ending in “W”.

Transfer students who enter with 60 to 89 credits are required to pass two W-courses, while transfer students who enter with 90 credits or more must pass one W-course.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

42 Credits Required
IDS 311 - Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies
IDS 401 - Interdisciplinary Investigations of Globalization
Completion of two 18-credit concentrations

A minimum 2.0 GPA in each concentration is required. To create a BA-IDS degree students may choose two existing concentrations from the list of minors or Interdisciplinary Studies concentrations (outlined below). An established minor or concentration may also be combined with one 18-credit approved self-designed interdisciplinary concentration.

Students should also note the following:

- Generally, students may not select more than one existing concentration from the same discipline and must complete a minimum of 30 credits overall at the 300 or 400 level
(any 300 or 400 level course in the student’s degree program may count towards the 30 credit requirement).
- A self-designed interdisciplinary concentration must be approved by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program Director.

COGNATE REQUIREMENTS

No cognates are required for this program.

FREE ELECTIVES

Remaining credits to reach total Overall Credits Required (listed above).

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CONCENTRATIONS

To create a BA-IDS degree students may choose two existing concentrations from the list of minors or the additional concentrations open to Interdisciplinary majors outlined below. An established minor or concentration may also be combined with one 18-credit approved self-designed concentration.

Child, Family, and Community Studies

18 Credits Required
TSL 315 - Foundations in Bilingual Education
REC 312 - Therapeutic Play
Select 12 Credits from:
- EDU 110 - Experiencing the Arts or IDS 110 - Experiencing the Arts
- EDU 305 - Emerging Literacies
- EDU 316 - Child Development for Educators
- EDU 414 - Applications of Child Development
- PCH 356 - Maternal and Child Health
- PSY 210 - Infant and Child Development
- PSY 318 - Emotional and Social Development
- PSY 320 - Abnormal Child Psychology
- PSY 370 - Educational Psychology
- REC 202 - Materials and Methods Birth to Five
- REC 307 - Disabilities in Society
- REC 403 - Mediating Problems in Community Settings
- SHE 203 - School Health
- SOC 265 - Self and Society
- SOC 320 - Sociology of the Children
- SOC 322 - Sociology of the Family

Social Science

9 Credits from the following list (no more than one course per discipline):

- EDU 110 - Experiencing the Arts
- EDU 305 - Emerging Literacies
• ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology
• ECO 100 - Principles of Macroeconomics or ECO 101 - Principles of Microeconomics
• GEO 100 - People, Places, and Environments or GEO 102 - World Regional Geography
• HIS 100 - Western Civilization I or HIS 101 - Western Civilization II
  • or HIS 110 - United States History I or HIS 111 - United States History II
• PSC 200 - Political Change and Conflict or PSC 260 - U.S. Government
• PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology
• SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology

An additional 9 Credits from ANT, GEO, HIS, PSC, PSY, SOC. Six of these nine credits must be at the 300+ level. This 18-credit concentration cannot combine courses from more than three disciplines.