# Interdisciplinary Studies Major

## Interdisciplinary Studies Mission:

The Interdisciplinary Studies program guides students to succeed by providing opportunities for intellectual inquiry into a personalized plan of study designed to meet the student's individual post-graduate plans.

### Learning Outcomes:

Most of the learning outcomes for individual students will depend on the component areas a student chooses as part of the IS plan of study. The component area student learning outcomes are most appropriately assessed as part of the component areas' curricula.

- The student will demonstrate knowledge/skills in multiple component areas by planning a senior capstone project.
- The student will integrate knowledge/skills in multiple component areas by executing a senior capstone project.
- The student will successfully present and defend the Capstone project to their committee.

Major Assessment: Senior capstone and students must also participate in selected major assessments for the degree's component areas.

**Program:** Interdisciplinary Studies **Type:** Major

#### **Entrance Requirements**

- Students must declare the Interdisciplinary Studies major before they have earned 70 credit hours.
  - Students who have earned more than 70 credit hours can submit a letter of appeal to the division chair requesting admission to the program.
- Students must submit a letter of application to the division chair that describes the proposed plan of study and how the Interdisciplinary Studies degree is appropriate for the student's post-graduate plans.

# Major Requirements

1. **OPTION A**: Student must earn 15 credit hours in three component areas for a total of 45 credit hours.

a. 9 credit hours must be upper-division courses

b. No more than 6 credit hours may be earned through readings, applied skills, methods, technique, or problem courses.

c. Special Topics and Experimental courses cannot be used to meet a major requirement.

2. **OPTION B**: Student must earn 21 hours in one component area and 24 hours in a second component area for a total of 45 hours.

a. 12 credit hours of the 21 hours in the first area must be upper-division courses; 15 credit hours of the 24 credit hours in the second area must be upper-division hours.

b. No more than 6 credit hours may be earned through readings, applied skills, methods, techniques, or problems courses.

c. Special Topics and Experimental courses cannot be used to meet a major requirement.

- 3. *The component areas are:*
- a. Arts (AR, DN, MU, TH)
- b. Humanities (EN, FR, SN, HU, PL, RE)
- c. Education (ED)
- d. Physical Education (EX, PE)
- e. Social Sciences (AY, CJ, GE, HS, PS, PY, SC)
- f. Business (AG, AC, BA, EC)
- g. Human Services (NP)
- h. Math (MA)
- i. Computer Information Systems (CS)
- j. Science (Bl, CH, PH)
- k. Military Science (MS)
- I. Nursing/Allied Health (HL, NU)
- m. Communications (SP, MC, PR)
- 4. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in component area courses with no Pass/Fail.
- 5. Including capstone courses, the degree requires a total of 49 credit hours.