

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAMS AND COURSES

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Illinois State University offers major and minor programs that allow students to synthesize knowledge that spans two or more academic disciplines. Each interdisciplinary program is directed by a faculty member. Faculty from across the University deliver courses within these programs. In addition, the University offers interdisciplinary (IDS) courses that transcend the boundaries of a single discipline.

The following courses, majors, minors, and requirements may apply and be available to students from a wide variety of majors and disciplines. These include:

Majors

- European Studies, B.A.
- Interdisciplinary Studies: B.A., B.S.
- University Studies: B.A., B.S.

Minors

- African-American Studies
- African Studies
- Children's Studies
- Civic Engagement and Responsibility
- Cognitive Science
- Ethnic Studies
- European Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Studies
- Latin American and Latino/a Studies
- Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies
- Native American Studies
- Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
- Urban Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies

Courses

- Honors Courses
- Interdisciplinary Courses

University-Wide Majors

NOTE: Majors in Interdisciplinary Studies and University Studies are not as clearly understood outside the university as traditional baccalaureate majors. These majors do not prepare a student for a specific professional career or graduate field, nor do they satisfy the requirements for teacher licensure. Because of their general nature, graduates may need to convince prospective employers or graduate schools that the

degree preparation will enable them to succeed in a particular job or educational endeavor.

MAJOR IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

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Degree Offered: B.A.

A minimum of 38 and a maximum of 46 total hours are required to complete this major. The number of hours depends on the language level at which the student enters the program. Students with no previous language study begin with a 111 LAN course and must complete 46 hours. Students with two years of high-school foreign language (or equivalent) usually begin with LAN 112 and must complete 42 hours beyond LAN 111. Students with three years of high-school foreign language normally begin with LAN 115 and must complete 38 hours beyond 111 and 112.

—Required courses (28 hours): IDS 112, or HIS 101, 102, or 107; IDS 212, and 312.

—Proficiency equivalent to LAN 111-116, plus one 200-level LAN course required in a European language other than English.

—Elective courses (18 hours) from the following list: ART 155, 156, 240, 241, 242, 263, 265, 280, 281, 304, 304, 306; DAN 372; ECO 245, 245, 246; ENG 110, 213, 214, 216, 218, 219, 222, 241, 310, 311, 320, 324, 327, 329, 378, 386, 387, 388; FRE 209, 213, 214, 220, 223, 235, 305, 327, 328, 340, 341, 385; GER 211, 213, 285, 310, 317, 385; HIS 101, 102, 107, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 228, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 279, 284, 308, 335, 336, 337, 345, 350, 355, 356, 366, 367, 368; ITA 221, 222; MUS 127, 176, 253, 254, 391, 392, 394, 395; PHI 222, 232, 233, 250, 254, 255, 350; POL 141, 241, 252, 255, 344, 351; SPA 213, 214, 215, 223, 233, 240, 243, 305, 323, 324, 337, 360; THE 300, 370,

371, 376, 377.

- Two of these elective courses (6 hours) must be History courses or POL 241, two courses (6 hours) must be in the arts and humanities (ART History, Dance, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Theatre), and two courses (6 hours) must be in an area of concentration approved by the academic advisor.
- Study abroad in a European country for one semester is required. Study abroad during the summer session requires program approval. Under exceptional circumstances, a student may petition for exemption from this requirement.
- A 2.0 major GPA is required to graduate with this major. All required and elective courses must be completed with grades of C or better. This major does NOT require a second major in another department.

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General Information

Under the Major in Interdisciplinary Studies, a student may construct one of three individualized programs of study that differ from the University's regular major programs. These options use existing University courses and lead to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Each sequence addresses a different set of educational objectives.

I. The Individualized Sequence of the Major in Interdisciplinary Studies allows a student to design, with the help of a faculty sponsor, a specialized program of study that is not offered by the University. This program is intended for the student whose specific interests

cannot be accommodated within existing programs. Some topics recently chosen by students include East Asian Studies, Classical Civilization, Three-Dimensional Design, International Public Administration, and Theatre Management. The Individualized Sequence is often a second or auxiliary major but may be proposed as a primary major. Students who complete the Individualized Sequence will earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and have their transcripts noted: "Plan: Interdisciplinary Studies; Sub-plan: Individualized Sequence; Theme: ___" (the theme specified on the plan of study).

II. The Multidisciplinary Studies Sequence of the Major in Inter-disciplinary Studies is built around the offerings of two or more departments or schools. It is intended for the student who is seeking a baccalaureate degree without the specialization of a traditional major. The student chooses the focus of the program, with the help of a faculty advisor, by determining the departments or schools in which he or she wishes to pursue advanced work. Students who complete the Multidisciplinary Studies Sequence will earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and have their transcripts noted: "Plan: Interdisciplinary Studies; Sub-plan: Multidisciplinary Studies Sequence."

III. The Human and Educational Services Sequence recognizes work that students have completed in working toward a degree in Special Education (SED) or Teaching and Learning (TCH). Completion of this degree program does not allow for recommendation for teacher licensure. Students in this program will earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree and have their transcripts noted: "Plan: Interdisciplinary Studies; Sub-plan: Human and Educational Services Sequence."

Admission Requirements for Individualized and Multidisciplinary Sequences

1. Admission may be requested after the completion of 15 semester hours of coursework.