Interdisciplinary

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Faculty members are housed in departments and schools throughout the University of Missouri.

Undergraduate

• BA in Interdisciplinary (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary/)
  • with emphasis in Black Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary-emphasis-black-studies/)
  • with emphasis in Environmental Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary-emphasis-environmental-studies/)
  • with emphasis in Peace Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary-emphasis-peace-studies/)
  • with emphasis in Women's and Gender Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary-emphasis-womens-gender-studies/)

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS BA) is designed for students who want to build an individualized major to meet their educational and career objectives. The traditional IDS BA degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 30 credit hours numbered 3000 or above. Students complete all University graduation requirements, including University general education.

The IDS BA degrees with focus areas (Black Studies, Environmental Studies, Peace Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies) meet similar requirements to the traditional IDS BA version, but provide students with the opportunity to concentrate their individualized studies in specific academic areas using established frameworks.

Graduate

While MU does not offer graduate degrees specifically in interdisciplinary, the University does offer post-baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas, both within the College of Arts and Science, and in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/).

INTDSC 1000: Introduction to Health Humanities
This course is an introduction to Health Humanities, an interdisciplinary field of study that explores human health, disability, and illness through the arts and humanities. Using a range of materials drawn from humanistic disciplines (including history, cultural studies, literature, film, visual and performing arts); this course develops the analytical tools needed to critically explore person-centered stories of health, illness, and disability as well as the shifting cultural meanings of health, illness, and disability throughout history. Lectures, discussions and assignments will help you reflect critically upon the role of the creative arts and humanities in health-related topics including, but not limited to: narratives of disease and illness; personhood and embodiment; representations of disability, mental illness, patient/professional relationships; the history of patients' rights movements; the politics of care; health policy; and death and dying.

Credit Hours: 3

INTDSC 1001: Proseminar in Interdisciplinary Studies
Lecture/discussion survey of time-management, note taking techniques, in the context of the three courses that are part of a Freshman Interest Group. Regular use of library, electronic mail and computing facilities is stressed. Elective credit only; students cannot receive credit for INTDSC 2001 and INTDSC 1001 or INTDSC 1150. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1

INTDSC 1001H: Honors Freshman Interest Group
This course is designed specifically for freshman honors students to provide them with resources, information, and discussion opportunities central to their success as members of the MU Honors College. and the University of Missouri. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1

Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

INTDSC 1020: University Freshmen Seminar
(same as SSC 1020). To maximize student's potential to achieve academic success and to adjust responsibly to the individual and interpersonal challenges presented by collegiate life. Attainment of an appropriate balance between personal freedom and social responsibility underlies all seminar activities. No credit for students who have earned credit for AFNR 1115, INTDSC 1001, IS_LT 1110, ED_LPA 3100 or an equivalent first year orientation course at another institution. Credit restrictions that apply to orientation classes apply to this course. Students are not allowed to be enrolled in SSC 1020 and SSC 1150 in the same semester.

Credit Hour: 1

Prerequisites: Restricted to freshman only

INTDSC 1940: Internship
Limited to freshmen/sophomores who are “undecided” or otherwise not accepted into a major. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 0-1

INTDSC 2001: Proseminar in Interdisciplinary Studies
Lecture/discussion survey of a range of issues of special importance for transfer students new to the University. Elective credit only; no credit for INTDSC 1001 and/or SSC 1150. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1
INTDSC 2942: Internship and Career Exploration in Arts and Science
This course is designed to develop skills required to successfully apply for, and be successful in, internships and employment.
Credit Hour: 1

INTDSC 2950: Introduction to Research, Scholarship and Discovery
This course introduces undergraduates to scholarly and creative activities being conducted by faculty from disciplines across campus and encourages students to identify their interests in research and creative work. Through field trips and visits with MU scholars, students in this course will be exposed to scholarly activities in the fields of science and engineering, the fine arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences. Using online discussions, students will discuss some of the ethical implications surrounding the creation of art and generation of scientific knowledge. The various steps in the process of discovery and dissemination of new knowledge will be explored. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor required

INTDSC 2940: Internship in Interdisciplinary Studies
Internship limited to students pursuing the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies degree. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: departmental Consent Required

INTDSC 4942: Arts and Science Internship
Internship limited to students in the College of Arts and Science.
Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor required

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Credit Hour: 1-6
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Credit Hour: 1

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Internship limited to students pursuing the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies degree. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: departmental Consent Required

INTDSC 4942: Arts and Science Internship
Internship limited to students in the College of Arts and Science.
Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor required

INTDSC 4960: Readings in Interdisciplinary Studies
Independent readings with supervisory faculty member. Open only to Interdisciplinary Studies majors. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 hours.
Credit Hour: 1-6

INTDSC 4970: Service Learning Project.
Independent readings with supervisory faculty member; Students will engage in service activities, directly relevant to their areas of academic emphasis, in community not-for-profit agencies. At the same time as participants work in the community, they will research their agency and organization, undergo mock employment interviews, create a cover letter and resume based on the professional skills they have gained through their service, and reflect on careers and leadership in public service. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 3-6
Prerequisites: restricted to Interdisciplinary, General Studies and International Studies students

INTDSC 4970W: Service Learning Project. - Writing Intensive
Independent readings with supervisory faculty member; Students will engage in service activities, directly relevant to their areas of academic emphasis, in community not-for-profit agencies. At the same time as participants work in the community, they will research their agency and organization, undergo mock employment interviews, create a cover letter and resume based on the professional skills they have gained through their service, and reflect on careers and leadership in public service. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 3-6
Prerequisites: restricted to Interdisciplinary, General Studies and International Studies students

INTDSC 4971: Capstone Internship in Interdisciplinary Studies
Internship experience which serves as the student’s capstone experience. Program advisor must approve internships. Section 2 of this course will be designated for Service Learning Capstone experience. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-6

INTDSC 4972: Writing Intensive Certificate Capstone Course
This course is designed for students who are applying for the Writing Intensive (WI) certificate. During this course, students will compile a portfolio that represents the writing experiences they had during their 4 or more WI courses. As students review the WI courses, assignments, and writing that they completed, they will analyze the content they learned and the growth in writing during their undergraduate experiences at the University of Missouri. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing; permission from instructor