

Interdisciplinary Studies

- √ Bachelor of Arts or
- √ Bachelor of Science

Description of the major:

Interdisciplinary studies offers highly motivated and intellectually curious students the opportunity to develop an individualized, innovative and integrated major. As an alternative to a traditional major, self-directed students are engaged and mentored by faculty to build a program of study around an interrelated unifying issue, topic, theme, culture or personal inquiry.

The interdisciplinary degree is focused around complex issues and real-world applicability. All students will engage in higher order thinking skills, including critical analysis, evaluation and creation of new academic ideas. These skills are utilized through an individual research project and are a marketable skill set for current and future employment.

The interdisciplinary degree focuses on upper-level coursework, and at least 50 percent of the major is offered through a distance learning option, which may be of particular interest to transfer students, working adults and returning students.

Interdisciplinary studies is recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a regionally accredited bachelor's degree in both arts and science. The major maintains annual membership in the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies professional organization.



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The student experience:

Interdisciplinary studies students have an opportunity to develop a program of study that matches their unique interests, abilities and values; therefore, there are as many programs of study as there are individuals. Students will complete coursework from two or more disciplines from across the University.

Beyond the classroom:

Interdisciplinary studies students are encouraged to work with a career counselor from the Career Services Center to discover their unique abilities, interests and values and match those to specific career fields. In addition, the major offers college credit for one or more internships in a field relevant to the individual.

Graduates seek careers in a wide range of fields, including:

- Entrepreneurship and general business
- Daycare and private school teaching
- International and intercultural programs
- Photojournalism and social media
- Social work and government services
- Environmental science and sustainability
- Athletic training and event planning

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