Department of INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The students in this department are motivated to pursue a creative plan that develops their specific calling. In the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, we recognize that some students are called to serve God in unique ways. We believe in the dynamic synergy that results when a Christian worldview permeates ideas from a variety of academic disciplines.

Interdisciplinary Studies Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The purpose of the Interdisciplinary Studies Major is to provide a quality, comprehensive academic experience for students with academic aspirations not served by any academic department major at University of Northwestern. The Interdisciplinary Studies student, in consultation with an advisor, designs a coherent program of study that meets specific academic goals. Students must complete an application process, and the program of study is approved by an advisory committee. The program is open to self-motivated students who have demonstrated the ability to do academic work successfully by achieving a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 or by providing other compelling documentation. See the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies for further information.

Degree Requirements

1. The program will include at least 125 semester credits.
2. The student must meet all Core Curriculum and graduation requirements.
3. The major will consist of at least 48 credits in at least two academic areas with no more than 30 in one area.
4. Approximately thirty (30) credits in the major must be upper-level.
5. At least 50 percent of the major must be completed from University of Northwestern.
6. The student must register and complete an integrated capstone paper/project of at least 4 credits. This course, IDS4845 Capstone Project, is the OCE course.
7. The student will compile a demonstration of scholarly achievement and professional competency. This course, IDS3865 Professional Competency Assessment, is the WCE course.

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OCE = ORAL COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS.
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