

## Bachelor of Science (BS)

# Interdisciplinary Studies—Social Sciences

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The BS Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences (IDS) degree is for students who want to choose their courses according to individual professional/educational goals and interests. Students will create an approved program of study with their advisor, which fulfills their academic and career goals.

Persons earning this degree will find employment in a variety of occupations including human services, business, government and non-profit organizations. Many of our graduates complete advanced degrees in psychology, medicine, pharmacy, sociology, social work, business, library science, law, and political science.

Here is what one of our students had to say about the Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences degree program:

*“My advisor and course instructors challenged old ideals, fostered a learning environment of excellence, and responded with feedback to enhance my learning while in college. Because of this, I am prepared to pursue a career or seek a candidacy in a Master’s Program.”*



### Programs

#### 62 credit major

*Required courses:*

IDS 289, IDS 389, IDS 489 and an approved research methods course.

*Elective courses:* 52-53 credits must be taken from the list of approved elective courses. No more than 10 credits may be lower division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

#### 47 credit major

*Required courses:*

IDS 289, IDS 389, IDS 489 and an approved research methods course.

*Elective courses:* 37-38 credits must be taken from the list of approved elective courses. No more than 10 credits may be lower division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

*In addition, the 47 credit major must complete either a minor (20 - 44 credits) or a second major.*

### Admission Process

- **Applicants must have completed 60 credit hours, a minimum of 2.25 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing for admission to the program.**
- **Students must apply and be admitted to the major at least 3 quarters prior to graduation.**

To apply for the Interdisciplinary Studies major, contact the program director.

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## Curriculum

### I. Core list—required courses:

**IDS 289 Introduction to the Major** (1 credit) is required before entry into this major. This course is designed as an introduction to the Interdisciplinary Studies program and is intended to assist students in designing a cohesive program of study.

**Research Methods in the Social Sciences** (4-5 credits) choose one:  
ANTH 444, LAJ 400, PSY 300, SOC 363 or as approved by Program Director

**IDS 389 Academic and Career Exploration** (3 credits)

**IDS 489 Senior Portfolio Project** (1 credit) is required before graduating with this degree. This course, taken during the last quarter of study, is designed as the end of program assessment for the Interdisciplinary Studies majors. Students will prepare a comprehensive degree report and/or descriptive portfolio or project.

### II. Approved elective courses (C– or better grade required) A minimum of three disciplines are required for the major.

**American Indian Studies** (all courses)

**Anthropology** (all courses)

**Economics** (all courses)

**Environmental Studies** (all courses)

**Ethnic Studies** (all courses)

**Geography** (all courses)

**Health Education** (approved courses): HED/PUBH 209, HED 210, HED/PUBH 310, HED/PUBH 317, HED 330, HED 387, HED 450/PUBH 351, PUBH 470, HED/PUHB 471, HED/PUHB 472

**History** (all courses)

**Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences** (all courses)

**Law and Justice** (all courses)

**Library Science:** LIB 345

**Political Science** (all courses)

**Psychology** (all courses)

**Sociology** (all courses)

**University:** UNIV 309

**Women's and Gender Studies** (all courses)

### Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including no more than 135 transfer credits. A minimum of 60 credits of upper division study is required (300-400 level). The general education program must be completed as defined in the University catalog. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements.

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