

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BS)

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Program Description

Interdisciplinary Studies majors become effective professionals who are skilled communicators and solvers of complex social, civic, and professional issues—in local, national or global contexts. Through experience in a variety of liberal arts and professional methodologies, you will become a skilled researcher and thinker who not only knows where to look for information but also is able to assess how to apply disciplinary strengths in innovative ways to a variety of existing and emerging professions.

Customize your degree by choosing a specialization in one of Jefferson's interdisciplinary areas—Global Studies, Diversity Studies, Sustainability and Environmental Studies, Medicine and Society, or propose your own specialization.

This program can be completed in as little as 3 years with classes available throughout the summer semesters.

Learning Goals/Outcomes

- Employ a variety of interdisciplinary methodologies to better understand individual, social, civic, and professional issues.
- Select and employ interdisciplinary methodologies to address and develop solutions to complex individual, social, civic, and professional issues.
- Recognize and apply appropriate communication strategies for various contexts and settings.
- Articulate interrelated individual, social, civic, and professional responsibilities in global society.
- Recognize gaps in knowledge and select and apply appropriate research strategies from a variety of disciplines to close those gaps.
- Explain the relevance and value of interdisciplinary studies as it relates to and informs students' overall course of study and individual professional career preparation.

Curriculum: 3-4 Years, 121 Credits

Select area of Specialization:

- Global Studies
- Diversity Studies
- Sustainability
- Environmental Studies

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
FYS 100	Pathways Seminar	1

Course	Title	Credits
IDSC xxx	Intro to Interdisciplinary Studies	3
Disciplinary Electives (courses within JCHS majors)		3
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WRIT 101	Writing Sem I: Written Comm.	3
Topics in American Studies		3
Science		3-4
Mathematics		3-4
Select one of the following:		3-4
Science		
Statistics		
Mathematics		
General Elective		3

Credits 31-34

Second Year

IDSC XXX	Interdisciplinary Methods	3
Specialization Course		3
Specialization Course		3
Disciplinary Elective		3
Global Diversity		3
GCIT 3XX	Global Citizenship	3
WRIT 201	Writing Seminar II: Multi Comm	3
ISEM 3XX	Integrative Seminar	3
ADIV 2XX	American Diversity	3
General Elective		3

Credits 30

Third Year

Specialization Course		3
Specialization Course		3
GCIT 3XX	Global Citizenship	3
Global Diversity selection		3
ADIV 2XX	American Diversity	3
ISEM 3XX	Integrative Seminar	3
ETHC 3XX	Ethics	3
Minor course		3
General Elective		3

Credits 27

Fourth Year

IDSC XXX	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone	3
Specialization Course		3
Specialization Course		3
Specialization Course		3
Specialization Course		3
PHIL 499	Philosophies of the Good Life	3
Minor course		3
Minor course		3
Minor course		3
General Elective		3

Credits 30

Total Credits 118-121