

IDS: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

University College

Courses

IDS 300. Interdisciplinary Practice and Theory. 3 Credits.

Think of an issue facing the world today. No matter which one is selected, it is likely to be a complex issue which does not lend itself to simple solutions. Typically, the issues have broad implications which span multiple disciplines. This course will introduce the concept of interdisciplinarity across the liberal arts, a unique process by which the perspectives and insights of multiple disciplines are examined in an effort to arrive at informed, workable solutions based upon the best the disciplines have to offer.

Pre / Co requisites: IDS 300 requires a prerequisite of acceptance into an Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

IDS 450. Interdisciplinary Studies Internship. 3 Credits.

The internship is designed to give students meaningful hands-on experience by applying the knowledge and skills learned in major, minor, and general education coursework to on-the-job assignments and responsibilities at a host organization. Student participation, learning, thoroughness and quality of assignments, and supervisor feedback all contribute to the final grade.

Pre / Co requisites: IDS 450 requires students to be at least junior standing and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

Repeatable for Credit.

IDS 490. Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.

This senior capstone prepares students for professional and graduate opportunities through group and individual activities, readings, course discussions, and various written assignments. Students integrate the interdisciplinary skills and mindsets acquired while taking the liberal arts courses used to fulfill the general education requirements, their chosen minor requirements, their self-designed concentrations as well as other electives, and their applied life experiences. As a result, students come to an understanding of the professional and educational opportunities available to them related to their selected minors and concentrations as well as areas outside their minor fields for which they might qualify.

Pre / Co requisites: IDS 490 requires senior status or permission of instructor.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.