There are three tracks in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS). This handout is for the Interdisciplinary Studies – General Studies Track.

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**Description**

The Interdisciplinary Studies program is under the Office of Undergraduate Studies and located in the Interdisciplinary Studies Office. It is a university-wide program designed for students seeking a combination of studies. The program allows for academic flexibility, recognizing that many combinations of courses meet individual student needs. Because of the complexity and importance of developing proper combinations, students are required to develop an individualized plan with an advisor.

**Curriculum Requirements (Current Catalog)**

1. **Two Core Courses, Two Areas and One Minor:** Interdisciplinary Studies students complete two core courses (IDS 3933 Cornerstone Experience, taken first semester after declaring the major, and IDS 4934 Capstone Experience, taken graduating semester), two areas of study of 15 hours each, and at least one minor. The thirteen areas of study and UCF minors are listed on the reverse side of this handout.

2. **Restrictions on Areas and Minors**
   
   a. **Non-Overlap:** The two areas of study and the one minor cannot overlap, with the exception of listed interdisciplinary minors. Disciplinary minors must not be listed in either of the areas of study used for the degree. The reverse side of this sheet gives you guidance as to where every minor falls. Interdisciplinary minors can be combined with any two areas of study but can have no courses in common with the either of the two areas of study used for the degree.
   
   b. **Permissible Courses and Grades:** All courses requested to be used in areas of study are subject to the approval of an advisor and the Director. Only grades of “C” (2.0) or better in each course are accepted in the two areas of study. The two areas of study combined must contain at least 15 upper level hours and 15 UCF hours. Courses used in the General Education Program (GEP) or those of lower level than the GEP courses cannot be used in the areas of study. Courses used in a minor are accepted solely at the discretion of the department offering the minor, and certification of the minor must be done by the department or unit offering the minor.

3. **Time of Change of Major and Catalog Year:** Students must declare their Interdisciplinary Studies major two full semesters prior to the semester of intended graduation. Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog. One must meet with an advisor before declaring the Interdisciplinary Studies major. Students must take the Cornerstone Experience course (IDS 3933) their first semester after entering the major.

4. **Degree Category:** BA or BS Interdisciplinary Studies permits a BA or BS degree depending upon the student’s two areas and minor. Of the two areas and one minor, if two or more are in one-degree category, then the student’s degree is classified as that category. Students cannot earn both a BA and BS degree.

5. **Computer Competency:** The major fulfills the Computer Competency Requirement.

6. **Foreign Language:** The BA degree requires the equivalent of one year of college level foreign language or American Sign Language through SPA 4614. The BS degree requires one semester (or its equivalent) of college level foreign language, or one multicultural course. For a list of multicultural courses, please see the handout in the Interdisciplinary Studies office or consult our website. All students must have completed the university’s foreign language admission requirements before graduating.