

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BA OR BS)

Offered by the Interdisciplinary Studies Council

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The Interdisciplinary Studies major provides a unique opportunity to construct a university major that meets students' intellectual interests and career objectives. This interdisciplinary experience provides students with an alternative to the existing majors available at Plymouth. The Interdisciplinary Studies major provides flexibility by encouraging students to select courses from a variety of academic disciplines and lets students design their own education in consultation with a team of advisors. The areas of study open to students are limited only by interest, imagination, and energy.

Degree Requirements

The Interdisciplinary Studies major consists of 51 credit hours integrating two or more disciplines. These credits must include Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (IP 2225) (TECO) and Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (IP 4425) (INCO) as well as at least 24 total credits of upper-division (3000/4000 level) course work.

In addition to the courses in the Interdisciplinary Studies major, students must complete the General Education requirements. As with all majors, Directions courses cannot be counted in the major. A Quantitative Reasoning in the Discipline Connection (QRCO) and a Writing in the Discipline Connection (WRCO) must be included in the student's contract. Students must complete the University's minimum credit (120) requirement. Upon completion of the program, students will receive either a Bachelor of Science (BS) or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.

The foreign language requirement for all BA degrees calls for 0-6 credits: one year of one language (6 credits); or one 3000/4000 level world language course (3 credits); or being a native speaker of a language other than English (zero credit). American Sign Language I and II fulfill this requirement; however, American Sign Language does not satisfy the Global Awareness Connection.

As part of the coursework for Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (IP 2225) (TECO), students are responsible for designing their own Interdisciplinary Studies major with the assistance of faculty advisors. Students submit to the Interdisciplinary Studies Council an application to have their advisor-approved contract accepted and approved by the Council. Only then will the process of enrolling in the Interdisciplinary Studies major be complete.