

Interdisciplinary Studies (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences/History, Politics and International Relations Department. It is available online and at the St. Louis main campus.

Program Description

The bachelor of arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is designed to meet the individual needs of students and prepare them to be active contributors to a critically reflective, culturally diverse and democratic global society.

Students in this program build a broad knowledge base and develop transferable skills, giving them the academic and intellectual foundation and skills to advance their careers and pursue graduate education.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Communicate complex ideas clearly in both written and oral form.
- Analyze problems and find solutions, drawing from a variety of disciplines.
- Develop persuasive and well-reasoned arguments that are evidence-based and appropriate to topic and purpose.
- Demonstrate knowledge of an emphasis area in a capstone project.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 36 required credit hours
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plus 9 credit hours, selected in collaboration with your advisor.
The capstone project must focus on sustainability.

Social Science (27 credit hours)

An interdisciplinary study of the social sciences develops critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and research skills about human behavior, social dynamics, and the mechanisms of social change.

Complete 9 credit hours in at least three of: psychology, political science, international relations, anthropology and sociology, legal studies, or criminology and criminal justice (total 27 hours), selected in collaboration with your advisor. The capstone project must reflect a topic in the social sciences and an approach appropriate to the social sciences.

Social Welfare (27 credit hours)

This emphasis develops students' understanding of social systems, individual and community needs, and strategies for promoting social justice and equity

Complete 9 credit hours in at least three of: psychology, anthropology and sociology, criminology and criminal justice, legal studies, or educational studies (total 27 hours), selected in collaboration with your advisor. The capstone project must focus on social welfare.