

CHARLOTTE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.

Program Description

The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies currently offers concentrations in the following areas: Capitalism Studies, Health & Medical Humanities, and Women's and Gender Studies. The program allows students to combine an interdisciplinary minor in one of these areas with in-depth coursework in a disciplinary department to create an individually designed major that reflects their own interests and prepares them for their chosen career path. Through the combination of interdisciplinary and disciplinary coursework, students gain a deeper understanding of these areas from multiple perspectives and develop competencies in oral and written communication, critical thinking, data analysis, teamwork, and leadership.

Admission Requirements

All students must meet UNC Charlotte requirements for admission for undergraduate students. In addition, students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA unless it is the student's first semester at UNC Charlotte and a cumulative GPA has not been established. General advising for prospective and newly declared majors will introduce students to the curriculum and degree requirements so as not to delay graduation or result in higher costs to students.

Major Requirements

The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies consists of an interdisciplinary concentration in Capitalism Studies (CAPI), Health & Medical Humanities (HHUM), or Women's and Gender Studies (WGST) (18 credit hours) plus at least 18 credit hours in a disciplinary field of study that complements their concentration. This may be a minor in a disciplinary department, or an alternative course of study approved by the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies. A maximum of two courses (6 hours) from a student's disciplinary depth coursework can count toward the electives in their Interdisciplinary Studies concentration, allowing completion of the major in 30 credit hours with proper planning. No more than two courses (6 hours) from another declared major can count toward the student's Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Courses	Credit Hours	Notes
General Education		37-43	See General Education program
Foreign Language		6-8	Two introductory courses or one introductory and one intermediate course
Interdisciplinary Studies Major		36	Major consists of an interdisciplinary minor (CAPI, HHUM, or WGST) plus 18 hours of disciplinary coursework
	Foundations	6	Introductory courses in selected interdisciplinary AND disciplinary fields
	Research methods	3	IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (counts toward interdisciplinary concentration)
	Interdisciplinary coursework	18 total	Remaining courses required to complete interdisciplinary concentration
	Disciplinary depth coursework*	18 total	Remaining courses required to complete disciplinary minor or approved course of study
	Capstone/practicum	3	Culminating research project or internship in interdisciplinary concentration
Electives			As needed to complete total degree credit hours
Total Degree Requirements		120	

* A maximum of two courses from the student's disciplinary depth coursework can count toward the electives in their Interdisciplinary Studies concentration.

Sample Plan of Study for Each Concentration

	Capitalism Studies with History	Health & Medical Humanities with Anthropology	Women's and Gender Studies with Sociology
Foundations	CAPI 2100 Introduction to Capitalism Studies; HIST 1121 European History Since 1660	HHUM 2100 Introduction to Health & Medical Humanities; ANTH 1101 Introduction to Anthropology	WGST 1101 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; SOCY 1101 Introduction to Sociology
Research methods	IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods	IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods	IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods
Interdisciplinary minor (remaining coursework)	Required: ECON 1101 Economics of Social Issues Electives: GEOG 3105 Geography of the Global Economy; INTL 3151 International Political Economy	AFRS 2170 Health and Environment in the Africana World; HIST 2140 Disease and Medicine in History; SOCY 2169 Sociology of Health and Illness	Required: WGST 3220 Feminist Thought Electives: WGST 3231 Women in Business; COMM 2110 Women and the Media
Disciplinary depth coursework	HIST 2101 American Business History; HIST 3154 Globalization in African History; HIST 3177 The Cuban Revolution; HIST 3255 Democracy in America; HIST 3270 History of Capitalism in the U.S.	Required: ANTH 2171 Action, Justice, and Change Electives: ANTH 3222 Culture, Health, and Disease; ANTH 3145 Anthropological Genetics; ANTH 4120 Intercultural Communications; ANTH 4131 Culture, Pregnancy, and Birth	SOCY 2112 Popular Culture; SOCY 2163 Sociology of Gender; SOCY 3143 Social Movements; SOCY 3325 Community and Identity; SOCY 4112 Sociology of Work
Capstone/practicum	CAPI 4050 Topics in Capitalism Studies	HHUM 4800 Health & Medical Humanities Portfolio Capstone	WGST 4601 Senior Colloquium OR WGST 4401 Internship in Women's Studies