INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES B.A.

UCCS University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements
- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS

Student Responsibilities
Students are required to know and follow:
- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu/
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Interdisciplinary Studies: Home | Interdisciplinary Studies (uccs.edu)

Major Requirements			
Interdisciplinary Studies Major (36 hours) The Interdisciplinary Studies major requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of course work and a minimum of 27 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) course work. Students wishing to pursue the Interdisciplinary Studies major must submit an application to be accepted into the major. Check the Interdisciplinary Studies website for specific details.	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
	INDS Approved Courses	Complete 30 hours of approved INDS coursework (see INDS course plan details below)	30
	INDS Course 1		
	INDS Course 2		
	INDS Course 3		
	INDS Course 4		
	INDS Course 5		
	INDS Course 6		
	INDS Course 7		
	INDS Course 8		
	INDS Course 9		
	INDS Course 10		
	Internship/Project Course	Complete 3 hours of an approved internship, creative/community project, exchange or study abroad course (see details below)	3
	Capstone Course	Choose a Capstone course to complement your INDS major fields *and* is approved for the Compass Curriculum Summit requirement **OR** Choose a Capstone course that is not approved for Compass Curriculum Summit *and* take INDS 4660 (1 credit hour)	3 **OR** 4
			36-37 hours

Individually Structured Interdisciplinary Studies

Students can develop and submit an Interdisciplinary Studies plan (INDS course plan) for approval. The plan must include all of the elements listed below:

- Present a clear and persuasive case for the interdisciplinary nature of the problem or question.
- Draw from at least two departments in LAS or from at least one department in LAS and one department in another college.
- Incorporate at least 36 credits, 27 of which must be from courses at the 3000 level or higher.
- Require a creative project, community outreach, social action project, internship, or education abroad or nationally.
- Require a Capstone experience that demonstrates the fusion and integration of these fields studied.

The courses you choose to include should reflect your career goals and interests as well as the marketability of your skill set. We want to make sure there are employment opportunities that involve the unique combination of knowledge and skills you will gain from this customized degree.

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General Education and Elective Requirements

Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	• ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 *(Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.)* • ENGL 1410 • PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.
Area Requirements (27 hours) • Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements	• Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990. • Social Sciences – 9 credit hours • Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course. **NOTE:** Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	One course from each list (see degree audit). *All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.*
LAS Language other than English Requirement	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. *Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.*

Compass Curriculum (12 hours) • Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements • Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree	Component	Course
	Gateway	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	Summit	Program Defined
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) *Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)*	• HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) • See Degree Audit
	Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit
	Sustainability	See Degree Audit

General Electives (36 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course *(INDS 1050)*	3
	Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

Year Two

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Upper-Division (UD) Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
	Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective w/lab	4
	Humanities Elective	3		Humanities Elective	3
	Social Science Elective *(Global Awareness)*	3		Social Science Elective	3
	General Elective *(Writing Intensive)*	3		General Elective *(Oral Communication)*	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	16

Year Three

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
	UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
	Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
	HUM 3990	3		Social Science Elective	3
	General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3		General Elective *(Cultural Diversity)*	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	14

Year Four

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
	UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Interdisciplinary Studies Summit Course	3
	General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General elective *(Sustainability)*	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15