Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

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Valdosta State University offers a program of study in Interdisciplinary Studies that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Open to all students, the program allows flexibility in building a course of study that matches individual interests and goals. In creating a program of study, students build an interdisciplinary program from the ground up, offering an opportunity to explore vital connections among disciplines that will lead to exciting and far ranging results. It is often at the intersection of disciplinary boundaries that new work is being done, which will have substantial benefits to the individual pursuing these studies as well as to society, in which broad thinkers who can synthesize disparate materials can make important contributions. For the student who has a desire to develop a more personalized educational program that moves beyond the traditional major, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program is the place to begin conversation and exploration.

Interdisciplinary Studies Admission Requirements

Students who wish to enter the Interdisciplinary Studies Program must submit to the program director an Interdisciplinary Studies Proposal, including a statement of goals, an indication of the disciplines to be studied, and a listing of possible courses for the program. They must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be admitted.

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Students will be able to articulate reasons for the interconnectedness of their chosen fields of study.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge in depth as well as in breadth through a selected range of their fields of study.
3. Students will demonstrate critical, analytical, and synthesizing skills that characterize exploration beyond disciplinary boundaries.
4. Students will engage in professionally oriented activities geared toward individual career or post-graduate goals.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Student-generated planning documents for the related fields of study.
2. Portfolios of student work.
3. Progress reports generated by faculty advisors meeting with the student.
4. Student entrance and exit interviews.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		**60**
Core Curriculum Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Curriculum Area F		18
Guided Electives [1]		
INDS 2000		
Senior College Curriculum		**60**
Major Core		9
Research-based Course from the discipline		
Professional/Technical Writing/Communication		
INDS 4000	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone	
Select Option A or Option B (Below)		51
Total hours required for the degree		**120**

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Courses appropriate to the major will be chosen in cooperation with the director. If the student chooses, the Honors Option, 6 hours of foreign language and culture courses will be taken in this area.

Option A

Code	Title	Hours
First Discipline		21
Second Concentration		21
Free Electives		9

Option B

Code	Title	Hours
First Discipline		15
Second Discipline		15
Third Discipline		15
Free Electives		6

A minimum of 39 upper division hours must be taken across the disciplines in the student's interdisciplinary major. All courses in Area F and the Senior College Curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

If the Honors option is chosen, then the student must take 6 hours of Foreign Language and Culture plus the requisite Honors classes and maintain the GPA specified by the Honors College.