

Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) Courses

IDST1001 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies

This interdisciplinary studies course focuses on preparing students to design and plan a major in Interdisciplinary Studies: DYO. Students learn about academic disciplines and the growth of interdisciplinary programs in universities and analyze interdisciplinary research to understand the strategies used in interdisciplinary academic work. In addition, they apply self-assessment, interviews and library research on the uses of interdisciplinarity in the workplace and civic life. Each student creates a potential course of study for an individualized Interdisciplinary Studies: DYO major that addresses a theme, problem or issue.

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1.5 Semester Credits

IDST3100 Interdisciplinary Project Development

This Interdisciplinary Studies: DYO course focuses on interdisciplinary project development. Students analyze various methods of communicating interdisciplinary ideas in a variety of forms and genres including personal reflection, narrative, scholarly writing, oral presentation, portfolio building, and writing a proposal. Students use research and self-assessment strategies to evaluate their self-designed major and propose any necessary revisions. The course will culminate in the creation of a plan for a senior-year capstone project.

Prerequisite(s): IDST1001, junior status.

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1.5 Semester Credits

IDST4900 Interdisciplinary Studies: DYO Capstone Project

This course offers Interdisciplinary Studies: DYO students the opportunity to develop and complete a self-designed capstone project. This project is completed in consultation with their faculty advisers. Students engage in independent research, writing, and other appropriate forms of independent engagement with their chosen project.

Prerequisite(s): IDST3100, senior status.

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3 Semester Credits