

Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

Recognizing the growing economic and cultural diversity of the Upstate region of South Carolina, interdisciplinary studies (IDS) provides students the opportunity to concentrate in a single discipline, combine course work from two or more disciplines, or develop an individualized curriculum based on personal interests, the desire for self-improvement, career advancement, or in preparation for study in a profession such as law or medicine. Addressed is the mature student with clearly defined educational goals. Students with a variety of courses from other colleges and universities, but who fail to have adequate credits for a traditional degree, may also find opportunities in the IDS program offered on the USC Upstate campus and at the University Center of Greenville. The program conforms to all general university academic regulations.

The interdisciplinary studies program permits students to apply credits earned through independent study toward the degree. Students may also be permitted to apply up to 30 semester hours earned in correspondence courses, the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, selected college-level examination programs, and off-campus extension classes in partial fulfillment of the degree. Students desiring a postgraduate professional degree should note the requirements for a baccalaureate after three undergraduate years and one year of professional school outlined under the Three-Plus-One Program in this catalog.

Admission

IDS program applicants must:

- be admitted to USC Upstate, or be applying to USC Upstate and have earned 30 or more semester hours in transfer;
- have earned 30 or more semester hours at USC Upstate and/or in transfer;¹
- complete the IDS program application;
- if currently enrolled in another degree program at USC Upstate, obtain a signed change of major form in the office of the academic dean;
- have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on all courses to be considered for program admission;
- choose a concentration option from 1) single discipline, 2) bidisciplinary, 3) multidisciplinary or 4) individualized plan;
- if an individualized program applicant, submit a 1-2 page typed statement of purpose, an indication of the grouping of courses that will be used to meet the concentration area requirements, and an approved endorsement by a faculty member;¹
- apply to the IDS Academic Affairs Committee for an individualized plan to be approved.²

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies *Student Worksheet*

General Education Requirements

I. Communication

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| _____ | English 101 and 102 ³ | 6 |
| _____ | Speech 201 | 3 |

II. Mathematics

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| _____ | Mathematics 120 (or higher) | 3 |
| _____ | One course selected from a higher level mathematics course, logic, or statistics | 3 |

III. Arts and Humanities

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| _____ | Fine arts | 3 |
| _____ | History 111 or 112 | 3 |
| _____ | One course selected from the following (but not more than 3 hours in a single discipline in the fine arts): American literature; American studies; art; English literature, linguistics, film or writing; history; literature in a foreign language; music; philosophy; religion; speech; theatre; world literature; women's studies | 3 |

IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences

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| _____ | Government and International Studies 201 or American Studies 101 or 102 | 3 |
| _____ | Two courses from the following, with two disciplines represented: Anthropology; Economics 221, 222; Geography 101, 103; government and international studies; psychology (except 225); sociology (except 201); | 6 |

V. Natural Science

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| _____ | Two courses, including at least one laboratory course, to be selected from one or more of the following: Astronomy; biology; chemistry; Geography 201, 202; geology; physics | 7-8 |
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¹For further information on acceptable credit, see the transfer credit section in this catalog.

²Final acceptance into the individualized plan requires approval of the IDS Academic Affairs Committee.

³A minimum grade of C in SEGL 101, 102 is required.

VI. Foreign Culture
 _____ One course from the following: 3
 Anthropology 102; art;
 Economics 503; English 275,
 289, 322, 423, 319;
 Geography 121, 212, 340;
 Government and International
 Studies 310, 447, History 112, 335,
 337, 338, 340, 341, 360, 361, 370,
 371, 372, 391; any foreign language
 course except 103; Government 420

_____	_____
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_____	_____
Secondary discipline	8-10
_____	_____
_____	_____

VII. Computer Studies 3-4
 _____ This requirement may be
 fulfilled in one of the following ways:
 Computer Science 138 or a computer
 science numbered 141 or above

Total general education requirements 46-48

VIII. Senior Seminar: *see area of concentration requirements*

Concentration¹
 (25-29 hours of junior- and senior- level courses
 as outlined in the options below)

Option 1 – Single Discipline
 Courses are selected from _____ 25-29
 a single discipline in which
 USC Upstate does not currently offer
 a major; must include a methods
 or theory course where required
 by the discipline, and must include
 a senior seminar selected from an
 allied area and approved by an
 advisor; B.A. or B.S. determined
 by the discipline

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Option 2 – Bidisciplinary
 Primary discipline (must _____ 15-21
 include a methods or
 theory course where
 required by the discipline
 and must include a senior seminar);
 B.A. or B.S. option determined
 by the primary discipline

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Option 3 – Multidisciplinary

Courses are selected from a single group
 concentration area with three disciplines
 represented. The minimum junior- and senior-
 level hour requirements for the three disciplines
 are as follows:

_____	Primary discipline	12-13
(must include a methods or theory course where required by the discipline)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Second discipline	6
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_____	_____	_____
_____	Third discipline	6
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Senior seminar (to be selected	1-4
from one of the three areas or		
an interdisciplinary senior seminar		
from that group		

Group Concentration Areas for Option 3

Social Sciences (criminal justice, economics,
 geography, government, history, logic,
 philosophy, psychology, recreation/health,
 religion, sociology; B.A. degree)

Humanities (art, English, foreign language,
 history, journalism, logic, music,
 philosophy, religion, speech, theatre;
 B.A. degree)

Sciences and Analysis (astronomy, biology,
 chemistry, computer science, geology, logic,
 mathematics, physics, statistics; B.S. degree)

Applied Emphasis (business/economics or
 foundations of education would be used as one
 of the disciplines in conjunction with two
 disciplines from one of the above groups;
 B.A. or B.S. degree determined by the
 combination of disciplines selected)

¹See academic regulations at the end of this section.

Option 4 – Individualized¹

A program of study which includes a methods or theory course and a senior seminar from the same area; B.A. or B.S. determined by primary emphasis

25-29

Electives

31-37

Junior and Senior Level Hours² 12

Total Hours Required 120

¹See program admission requirements for details

²See cognate section of this catalog and IDS program academic regulations.

Academic Regulations

- A minimum of 120 semester hours (including hours meeting the general education requirement, course grade requirement, junior and senior level hours requirement, and area of concentration requirement) must be completed with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- Course work completed prior to acceptance into the interdisciplinary studies program is not automatically accepted as part of a degree program. Such work is reevaluated to determine if it is applicable to the student’s program.
- A minimum of 30 semester hours must be completed in residence at USC Upstate after acceptance into the IDS program.
- Developmental courses do not count toward the 120-hour degree requirements.
- All course work within a concentration is selected in conjunction with a faculty advisor assigned from the primary or first discipline in the concentration area. Specific required course work is listed on a program of study which is then approved by the director of the IDS program and the dean of arts and sciences.
- All concentration hours must be junior- and senior-level work completed in residence at USC Upstate.
- A minimum of 15 hours of the concentration must be taken after the completed IDS application has been received in the IDS office.
- No course may simultaneously meet the general education and concentration hour requirements.
- Technical, non-college parallel, and military science courses may not be used to satisfy the concentration hour requirement.
- A maximum of 30 semester hours of upper and lower level courses (including transfer work) may be taken in business administration and economics (excluding Economics 221 and 222).
- Prior course work transferred from another four-year institution may be used to fulfill the junior- and senior-level hours requirement.
- A minimum grade of C is required in each course used to fulfill the area of concentration requirement, the 12-hour junior- and senior-level requirement, and in English 101 and 102, or in English 146.