Overview
For over 35 years, students in the Upstate of South Carolina have found the flexibility of the interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) program provides an effective path to their academic and career goals. The IDS program is designed to respond to the growing economic and cultural diversity of the Upstate and the increasing complexity of a global economy. With more than 250 students majoring in the program, IDS is an exciting and dynamic degree program that gives students creative options for designing individualized courses of study. Students may also choose to participate in the Three-Plus-One Program, which allows them to earn a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree by completing 90 hours at USC Upstate and 30 semester hours (one year) of coursework at an approved, accredited professional school like Sherman College of Chiropractic. From freshmen to students completing their degree, the IDS major is available to students at all levels of their academic careers.

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies offers the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies. With the support of an advisor, Interdisciplinary Studies provides students the opportunity to broaden their education by developing a multidisciplinary or individualized degree program to meet their educational and career goals. Students may take courses in all disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics as well as a number of courses in the School of Education. A minimum of 30 hours must be completed at USC Upstate after acceptance into the IDS program.
Pre-Chiropractic
The USC Upstate pre-chiropractic program is designed to meet the admission requirements for Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C.

USC Upstate has a 3+1 program with Sherman College to enable a student to complete Sherman admission requirements at USC Upstate and receive a bachelor’s degree from USC Upstate after satisfactory completion of the first year at Sherman.

Focus Areas
- Technology and Communications
- Technology and Management
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- Informatics and Management
- Informatics and Communications
- Informatics and Technology
- Child Advocacy and Communications
- Child Advocacy and Management
- Nonprofit Administration and Communications
- Nonprofit Administration and Management
- Nonprofit Administration and Informatics
- Nonprofit Administration and Child Advocacy

Nonprofit Administration minor
Let your desire to help others, your community or the environment become a part of your degree program by minoring in nonprofit administration. Nonprofit organizations comprise an industry that covers a broad range of purposes with spheres of influence ranging from National Public Radio to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to the World Wildlife Fund. The purpose of the nonprofit administration minor is to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively in nonprofit organizations.

Career Opportunities
Our global society presents multidimensional challenges and opportunities that are too complex to be addressed only by individual disciplines. Increasingly, businesses seek employees who are educated across several disciplines, can see connections among broad ranges of concepts, can approach a problem from multiple perspectives, and are adaptable to a changing world. The IDS degree is designed to meet these needs. Through multiple paths of study, a degree in interdisciplinary studies affords students career opportunities in a wide variety of fields including social services, writing, education, management, the arts and public health. A bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies can provide an excellent background for graduate study in fields such as law, medicine and social work; additional coursework in education could lead to teacher certification.

Internship Opportunities
Internships provide students with experiential learning opportunities that enhance their marketable skills and can lead to employment. Completion of an internship can be advantageous when applying to graduate school. Internship opportunities abound for IDS students and include placement in areas such as nonprofit administration, communications, the media, sports management, healthcare, law enforcement, public safety and the legal profession.