

Program Change Request

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Bachelor of Arts

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Program Status Active

Academic Level Undergraduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate or Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2022

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
3. Registrar Initial
4. Institutional Research
5. ARSD Chair
6. ARSC Curriculum Committee
7. AFLS Dean
8. ARSC Dean
9. EDUC Dean
10. ENGR Dean
11. WCOB Dean
12. Global Campus
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14. University Course and Program Committee
15. Faculty Senate
16. Provost Final
17. Registrar Final
18. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

1. 02/14/22 12:12 pm
Jeannie Hulen (jhulen): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 02/23/22 10:51 am
Alice Griffin

College/School Code

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code

Department of Arts and Sciences Dean (ARSD)

Program Code

IDSTBA

Degree

Bachelor of Arts

CIP Code

(agriffin): Approved
for Director of
Curriculum Review
and Program
Assessment

3. 02/24/22 11:40 am

Gina Daugherty
(gdaugher):

Approved for
Registrar Initial

4. 02/24/22 12:33 pm

Doug Miles
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for Institutional
Research

5. 03/01/22 8:48 am

Ryan Cochran
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for ARSD Chair

6. 03/01/22 8:49 am

Ryan Cochran
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for ARSC Curriculum
Committee

7. 03/01/22 11:36 am

Lona Robertson
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8. 03/01/22 12:57 pm

Jeannie Hulen
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9. 03/07/22 12:40 pm

Matthew Ganio
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Dean

10. 03/08/22 10:03 am

Kevin Hall (kdhall):

Approved for ENGR
Dean

11. 03/08/22 11:15 am
Alan Ellstrand
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12. 03/08/22 11:24 am
Suzanne Kenner
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13. 03/08/22 2:29 pm
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Provost Review

History

1. May 20, 2015 by
Robert Brady
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2. Jun 1, 2015 by
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3. Jun 2, 2020 by
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4. Dec 10, 2020 by
Karen Turner
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30.0000 - Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General.

Program Title

Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences (AFLS)
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)
College of Engineering (ENGR)
Walton College of Business (WCOB)

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 120

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering Web-based Program

NA already available on-line

Maximum Class Size for Web-based Courses NA

Course delivery mode

Method(s)
Online

Class interaction mode

Method(s):
E-mail

Percent Online

100%

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization

NA--already exists

Estimate Costs of the NA--already exists
Program over the
First 3 Years

List Courses Taught
by Adjunct Faculty

Upload
Memorandum of
Understanding Forms
(if required)

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program is targeted toward highly motivated students whose interests, needs, and talents are not reflected or met by existing majors. It is a major in which students will pursue coursework from two or more traditional disciplines in sufficient depth and breadth to prepare them for employment or graduate/professional study. The major will lead to a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

There are ~~three~~ **two** options for students who wish to pursue a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies:

Option 1 – Construction of an Interdisciplinary Studies major consisting of **three thematically linked minors**, at least ~~one~~ **two** of ~~which three thematically linked minors~~ from ~~within~~ the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

~~One of the three minors may be selected from a program in another college at the university.~~ Students ~~interested in Option 1~~ will follow the specific program requirements as specified by each minor. ~~For~~ ~~For~~ Option 1,

Thematically Linked Coursework ~~a course plan of study~~ must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum number of hours dependent on which group of three minors are **selected**. ~~selected (in most instances this number would range from 45-57 hours).~~

~~Students selecting Option 1 must consult during their first semester of enrollment with the IDSTBA Program Director to develop their course plan of study.~~ Option 2 - – Construction of an Interdisciplinary Studies major

consisting of **three to five** ~~a~~ thematically linked **minors, certificates and microcertificates, at least one set** of ~~which from the~~ ~~coursework primarily selected from, but not limited to, courses in~~ Fulbright **College of Arts and Sciences. College.** **Students will follow the specific program requirements as specified by each minor, certificate, and/or microcertificate.**

~~Students selecting Option 2 must consult during their first semester of enrollment with the IDSTBA Program Director to develop an individualized course plan of study.~~ **For Option 2,**

Thematically Linked Coursework ~~The course plan~~ must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum number of ~~21~~ hours dependent on which minors, certificates or microcertificates are selected. ~~of course work from a single discipline.~~

Option 3 – Construction of an Interdisciplinary Studies major consisting of a thematically linked set of coursework primarily selected from, but not limited to, courses in Fulbright College. For Option 3, Thematically Linked Coursework must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum of 21 hours of course work from a single discipline. Thirty credit hours of the proposed coursework must be **numbered** at the ~~3000-level 3000~~ or **higher. 4000-level.** ~~At~~ ~~At~~ least two-thirds of the advanced level coursework must be completed on the UA-Fayetteville campus.

In addition to the Plan of Study, students wishing to pursue the interdisciplinary studies major must also submit a narrative statement that (1) expresses how the proposed coursework (or group of minors) fit together thematically; (2) expresses why the student's interests and needs are not met by existing degree programs; and (3) expresses how the interdisciplinary studies major contributes to the student's career goals and post-graduate opportunities.

Interdisciplinary Studies Program Requirements:

~~A student interested in pursuing a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies must have earned less than 75 credit hours in order to select the IDSTBA major.~~ Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better on coursework constituting the major (e.g., **Options 1, 2, Option 1 or 3) Option 2)** for continuation in the program and in order to graduate with an Interdisciplinary Studies major. Should a student's GPA in the major fall below **2.5, 2.50;** he or she will have one semester to bring the GPA back to an acceptable level.

In addition to the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements (see under Degree Completion Program Policy), the following course requirements must be met.

State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

State Minimum Core	35
IDST Requirement	6
IDST 2003	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies
IDST 4013 SENIOR CAPSTONE	Course IDST 4013 SENIOR CAPSTONE Not Found
Thematically Linked Coursework 1	45-57
Option 1 - Three minors	
Option 2 - Minors/certificates/microcertificates	
Option 3 - Thematically linked set of coursework	
General Electives 2	22-34
Total Hours	120

1Thematically Linked Coursework approved by the IDST program is considered to meet College Residency and Major Residency requirements.

2Students must present for degree credit at least 40 credit hours of work in courses numbered 3000 and above. Included in these 40 hours can be courses numbered 2000 if each has a specific course designated as

a prerequisite. If Thematically Linked Coursework is not sufficient to satisfy the 40 credit hour rule, general electives must be used as needed to meet this requirement.

Students in Option 2 of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program are strongly encouraged to include an Independent Study/Research Project as a component of the major. Students pursuing an independent study research project may add up to 6 credit hours of such activity to the 21-hour maximum in a single discipline. In addition to the coursework defined in the student's Interdisciplinary Studies major, the student must satisfy all college and university requirements related to the state minimum core and advanced-level courses:

8-Semester Plan

~~Interdisciplinary Studies B.A.~~ Eight-Semester Degree Plan for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Students enrolling in wishing to follow the eight-semester degree plan should review the [Eight-Semester Degree Completion Policy](#). see the [Academic Regulations](#) chapter for university requirements:

State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all state minimum core requirements are met, students may substitute with a 3-hour (or more) general electives elective in consultation with their academic advisor. place of a core area:

Students in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program develop individualized course plans. These courses are referred to in the plan below as IDST Course Plan hours.

First Year	Units
	Fall Spring
<u>ENGL 1013</u> Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)1	3
MATH 1203 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (or higher if appropriate for IDST individual plan) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1)	3 -
Approved Science State Minimum Core lecture requirement with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)	4 -
Elementary II world language course (recommended)	3 -
Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1:1	
<u>MATH 1313</u> Quantitative Reasoning (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1113) or <u>MATH 1203</u> College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) or any MATH or STAT course numbered higher than MATH 1203	3
Science State Minimum Core lecture requirement with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)1	4
Fine Arts State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.1)1	3
<u>IDST 2003</u> Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies	3
<u>ENGL 1023</u> Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)1	3
Approved Science State Minimum Core lecture with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)	- 4

Science State Minimum Core lecture with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)1	4
Humanities State Minimum Core course requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.2)1	3
Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.2:1	
<u>HIST 2003</u> History of the American People to 1877 (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2113)	3
or <u>HIST 2013</u> History of the American People, 1877 to Present (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2123)	
or <u>PLSC 2003</u> American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003)	
General Elective	- 3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed	3
Year Total:	16 16
Second Year	Units
	FallSpring
Social Sciences State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)1	3
IDST Course Plan	9 -
IDST Course Plan (Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan	3 -
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed (Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan1	12
Social Sciences State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)1	3
IDST Course Plan	- 8
IDST Course Plan (Satisfies General Education Outcome 5.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan	- 3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed (Satisfies General Education Outcome 5.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan)1	12
Year Total:	15 15
Third Year	Units
	FallSpring
Social Sciences State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)1	3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed	12
IDST Course Plan	- 12
IDST Course Plan (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.2)	- 3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.2)1	15
Year Total:	15 15
Fourth Year	Units
	FallSpring
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed	15
IDST Course Plan	- 11
IDST Course Plan (Satisfies General Education Outcome 6.1)	- 3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed	10
<u>IDST 4013 SENIOR CAPSTONE</u> <u>Course IDST 4013 SENIOR CAPSTONE Not Found</u> (Satisfies General	3

Education Outcome 6.1)

Year Total:

15 13

Total Units in Sequence:

120

1 Students must complete the [State Minimum Core](#) and the requirements of their major(s) as outlined in the Catalog of Studies. These courses also fulfill many, if not all, of the [General Education Requirements](#). Please visit these pages in the links provided and consult with your academic advisor when making course selections to fulfill these requirements.

~~2 The Humanities elective courses that satisfies General Education Outcome 3.2 includes: AAST 2023%7C, ANTH 1033%7C, ARCH 1013%7C, CLST 1003%7C, CLST 1003H%7C, CLST 1013%7C, COMM 1233%7C, DANC 1003%7C, ENGL 1213%7C, GNST 2003%7C, HIST 1113%7C, HIST 1113H%7C, HIST 1123%7C, HIST 1123H%7C, HIST 2003%7C, HIST 2013%7C, HUMN 1124H%7C, HUMN 2213%7C, LALS 2013%7C, MRST 2013%7C, MUSY 2003%7C, MUSY 2003H%7C, PHIL 2003%7C, PHIL 2003C%7C, PHIL 2003H%7C, PHIL 2103%7C, PHIL 2103C%7C, PHIL 2303%7C, THTR 1003%7C, THTR 1013%7C, THTR 1013H%7C, WLIT 1113%7C, WLIT 1123%7C, or Intermediate-level world language (usually 2003-level):~~

~~3 The Social Sciences electives that satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3 include: AGEC 1103%7C, AGEC 2103%7C, ANTH 1023%7C, COMM 1023%7C, ECON 2013%7C, ECON 2023%7C, ECON 2143%7C, EDST 2003%7C, HDFS 1403%7C, HDFS 2413%7C, HDFS 2603%7C, HIST 1113%7C, HIST 1113H%7C, HIST 1123%7C, HIST 1123H%7C, HIST 2003%7C, HIST 2013%7C, HIST 2093%7C, HUMN 1114H%7C, HUMN 2114H%7C, INST 2013%7C, INST 2813%7C, INST 2813H%7C, PLSC 2003%7C, PLSC 2013%7C, PLSC 2203%7C, PLSC 2813%7C, PLSC 2813H%7C, PSYC 2003%7C, RESM 2853%7C, SOCI 2013%7C, SOCI 2013H%7C, or SOCI 2033%7C.~~

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program NA

Scheduled Program 2021-2022

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

Program Goals and Objectives

Program already exists

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

Program already exists

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
<p>1) Added a new option (Option 2) that allows students to pursue certificates and microcertificates.</p> <p>2) Added IDST 2003 and IDST 4013 as requirements.</p> <p>3). Removed the 75 hour minimum before declaring the major.</p>	<p>1) Takes advantage of the diverse credentials that have become available since the launch of the IDST program.</p> <p>Examples of Online Certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Proficiency in Child Advocacy Studies • Certificate of Proficiency in Geospatial Technologies <p>Examples of online microcertificates going through the approval process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine Management Undergraduate MicroCertificate <p>2) IDST 2003 serves as an introduction to the area and provides different pathways for students to consider as they pursue the degree. IDST 4013 was created to meet 6.1 and provides closure for each student despite possibly pursuing very different paths.</p> <p>3) No other major has such a restriction and there are still safeguards like the “residency” requirement that students must meet in order to receive the degree.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/14/22 2:37 pm): Adjusted formatting of proposed course IDST 4013 Senior Capstone in program requirements and eight semester plan.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/23/22 10:51 am): IDST 4013 is currently pending ARSC Curriculum Committee.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/23/22 10:51 am): Fall 2022 effective date pending successful completion of the campus approval process before the catalog deadline.

Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei) (03/08/22 2:28 pm): Footnote #2 was revised for clarity.