

Interdisciplinary Studies Major Overview:

The Interdisciplinary Studies major allows students to design a personalized academic program that combines courses from multiple disciplines to meet their career goals and intellectual interests. This flexible program encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and research across fields such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and business. Students develop a broad skill set, preparing them for a variety of careers in which knowledge from multiple areas is required. Graduates are equipped to adapt to various professional environments and tackle complex, interdisciplinary problems.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. Education and Academia
2. Research and Development
3. Public Policy and Government
4. Nonprofit and Community Organizations
5. Business and Consulting

10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:

1. Research Assistant
2. Program Coordinator
3. Policy Analyst
4. Administrative Assistant
5. Communications Specialist
6. Marketing Assistant
7. Event Planner
8. Community Outreach Coordinator
9. Data Analyst
10. Human Resources Assistant

5 Hard Skills:

1. Research Methodology
2. Data Analysis and Reporting
3. Project Management
4. Statistical Software Proficiency (e.g., SPSS, Excel)
5. Report Writing and Documentation

5 Soft Skills:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication
3. Adaptability

4. Problem-solving
5. Collaboration

Additional Training or Certifications:

While an Interdisciplinary Studies degree provides a broad foundation, additional certifications or training in specialized areas may be needed depending on the career path. For example, roles in business, data analysis, or project management may require certifications such as Project Management Professional (PMP) or Google Analytics. Some roles in policy analysis or research may require further graduate education.

Student and National Organizations:

1. [National Interdisciplinary Studies Association \(NISA\)](#)
2. [Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society](#)
3. [American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#)
4. [National Society of Collegiate Scholars \(NSCS\)](#)
5. [Association for Interdisciplinary Studies \(AIS\)](#)