

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program

Interest Areas:

Arts, Comm. and Humanities

NIC's interdisciplinary associate's degree program helps students to develop critical and creative thinking skills that will prepare them to succeed in a complex, interconnected world and in a variety of professions. Students choose two areas of focus from two different departments. In interdisciplinary classes and other courses taught by faculty participating in the program, students are encouraged to recognize and make connections among disciplines and reflect on integrated themes. Experiential learning, writing and speaking across the curriculum, collaborative learning, and individualized advising unite faculty and students in the program.

Completion of the following required courses result in an associate of arts degree and meets the general core requirements defined by intended transfer institutions. Collaboration among NIC and Coeur d'Alene campuses of the University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College make a local baccalaureate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies accessible.

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Program Website (<https://www.nic.edu/programs/interdisciplinary-studies/>)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1 - Written Communication		6
GEM 2 - Oral Communication		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing		3-5
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing		7-8
GEM 5 - Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing ¹		0
GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing		6
GEM 7W - Wellness		1-3
Select one of the following:		3
GEM 7F - First Year Experience		
GEM 7I - Institutionally Designated		
Program Requirements		
HUMS-101	Montage: Introduction to the Humanities	3
INTR-200	Interdisciplinary Seminar	3
Elective Requirements		
Minimum General Electives in first area of focus		9
Minimum General Electives in second area of focus		9

Courses 100-level or higher 4-6

Total Credits 60-64

¹ This General Education Requirement is met by the Program Requirements.

Course Key



GEM



AAS
Institutionally
Designated



Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Explain the broad field of interdisciplinary studies using vocabulary and skills involved in integrative, interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving.
2. Apply interdisciplinary methods and concepts to the study of academic and community themes.
3. View academic and community themes from the perspective of multiple disciplines.
4. Perceive connections among disciplines, integrating conflicting disciplinary viewpoints to produce a more comprehensive understanding of themes.
5. Synthesize interdisciplinary concepts and communicate an integrated perspective through writing and speaking in individual and group assignments.
6. Apply interdisciplinary concepts and methods to the integration of two specific disciplines chosen for a career or college transfer pathway.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.