

# Interdisciplinary Studies

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW (Catalog Description)

Interdisciplinary Studies (INTS) provides an individually crafted degree for the jobs of the future. The Interdisciplinary Studies Program (INTS) offers students the opportunity to create a truly customized degree plan. While traditional disciplines are slow to adjust to job demands, Interdisciplinary Studies allows students to build their degree to fit the job students want to be the leaders of tomorrow. Because of the flexibility of the degree, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program is intended to meet the needs of creative and intellectually curious students.

Both the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS) provide students the opportunity to create the degrees that will provide access to new careers. Students pursuing the BAIS take more credit hours in foreign language while students pursuing the BSIS take more credit hours in mathematics.

Students in the program are expected to work closely with their adviser to develop an innovative program of study that draws on the rich academic resources of the University, including existing minors and certificates.

## Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION FOR BAIS AND BSIS DEGREES: 120 HOURS

Of these, at least 36 hours must be at the 3000/4000 level, 24 hours of which must be from UT Arlington.

### Program Requirements

INTS 2301	ENVISIONING INTERDISCIPLINARITY	3
INTS 4391	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SENIOR SEMINAR	3
Career Development Course from the following: SOCI 3351, ART 4382, BCOM 3360, NURS-HI 3360, MANA 3320, PCOM 4301		3
Theory course from the following: SOCI 3373, SOCI 3372, ENGL 4356, ANTH 3300, SOCW 3301, or INTS 3320		3
Research Class (Methodology): SOCI 3362, CRCJ 3350, POLS 3310, BIOL 4343, CHEM 4343, GEOL 4343, KINE 4352, MATH 4381, or PHYS 4343.		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General Core Requirements 42

UNIV 1131 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=UNIV%201131>) STUDENT SUCCESS (or UNIV 1101 for transfer students)

Program Requirements 15

Modern and Classical Languages 8

TRACK ONE: Minor, or UTA Certificate Program, or Pre-defined INTS Track, or Custom INTS Track 18

TRACK TWO: Minor, or UTA Certificate Program, or Pre-defined INTS Track, or Custom INTS Track 18

ELECTIVES 18

Total Hours 120

### TRACKS

Each Interdisciplinary Studies degree plan has two areas of concentration that, along with the core INTS courses, make up the course of study for the INTS degree. Each area of concentration may be constituted of one of the following options: a Minor, a Certificate program, a pre-defined INTS Track, or a Custom Track. Each Track requires a minimum of 18 hours and must include 9 hours of 3000/4000 level course work. Students must take at least one Methods Class (from approved list) within one of their tracks for at least 3 credit hours.

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# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General Core Requirements 42

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Program Requirements 15

TRACK ONE: Minor, or UTA Certificate Program, or Pre-defined INTS Track, or Custom INTS Track 18

TRACK TWO: Another Department's Minor, or UTA Certificate Program, or Pre-defined INTS Track, or Custom INTS Track 18

Electives 26

Total Hours 120

For the Bachelor of Science degree, at least 18 hours in the two Tracks must be "science-for-science majors" course work; at least 12 of these must be at the 3000/4000 level.

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## COURSES

### **INTS 1310. INTRODUCTION TO POPULAR CULTURE. 3 Hours.**

This course will introduce students to the role of popular culture in American society. It examines culture as a process through which people make symbolic meaning out of the world. Since everyone has access to popular culture, it constructs the way that people think about the world around them. The course will explore the creation, production, dissemination, reception and consumption of popular culture.

### **INTS 2301. ENVISIONING INTERDISCIPLINARITY. 3 Hours.**

This foundational course is designed to introduce students to a variety of academic discourses and modes of knowledge-making, and to present some of the key concepts and aims of interdisciplinary studies.

### **INTS 2388. SPECIAL TOPICS INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. 3 Hours.**

Special topics or problems that lend themselves to an interdisciplinary approach. May be repeated for credit when the topic changes.

### **INTS 3320. INTERDISCIPLINARY THEORY. 3 Hours.**

This course examines the important theories that form the foundation for interdisciplinary studies. These theories are put into a historical context that not only covers the origins of the disciplines, but the theories and ideas that have come to dominate the 21st century outlook on knowledge and the world. Prerequisite: Junior Standing or Permission of the instructor.

### **INTS 4388. SPECIAL TOPICS INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. 3 Hours.**

Special topics or problems that lend themselves to an interdisciplinary approach. May be repeated for credit when the topic changes. Prerequisite: INTS 2301.

### **INTS 4391. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SENIOR SEMINAR. 3 Hours.**

The purpose of this course is to allow students to develop their job applications in a way to explain interdisciplinary studies. The seminar includes both readings on a topic of general academic interest and guest speakers from across campus to engage topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. This will provide students the opportunity to reflect on their own interdisciplinary degrees and see how their peers envisioned interdisciplinarity. Students are encouraged to use the seminar as a foundation for their future careers. Prerequisite: Completion of INTS 2301.

### **INTS 4392. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SERVICE LEARNING. 3 Hours.**

Students work with a UTA faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how the community service learning project helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem. May be repeated with permission. Prerequisite: Completion of INTS 2301.

### **INTS 4394. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SENIOR THESIS/PROJECT. 3 Hours.**

Students complete sustained original research or creative activity under the guidance of a UTA faculty mentor in their area(s) of concentration. Prerequisite: Completion of INTS 2301.

### **INTS 4395. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES INTERNSHIP. 3 Hours.**

Students work with a UTA faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how the internship helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem. Prerequisites: Completion of INTS 2301.

**INTS 4396. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES STUDY ABROAD. 3 Hours.**

Students work with a UTA faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how a study abroad experience helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem. Prerequisite: Completion of INTS 2301.