

GENERAL INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES | IDS

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recognizes that students' academic and professional interests may include more than one discipline. Because interdisciplinary approaches, research, and curricular activities are becoming increasingly appropriate and valuable within the liberal arts and sciences and other fields, students have the option to develop and pursue interdisciplinary (IDS) majors that cross the boundaries of numerous disciplines.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts | Bachelor of Science
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
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The General specialization within Interdisciplinary Studies allows students to take advantage of work completed in different fields by combining them into a single course of study. The specialization is bookended by two required courses: an introduction to cross-disciplinarity designed for students' first semester in the major, and a capstone project-based course as a culminating experience. Between the two, students pursue professional development coursework and complete two concentrations.

Requirements for the Major

Admission Requirements

1. Minimum of 45 hours of college coursework
2. Minimum 2.0 UF GPA
3. An application form which includes
 - a. Concentration areas and explanation/justification
 - b. Graduation plan approved by both a CLAS advisor and the UGC for IDS

Required Major Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
IDS 3XXX	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (taken first term in the major)	3
Select one Beyond 120 course:		
IDS 4930	Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies (Grad School 101)	1
SLS 1006	Global Pathways: Prep for Intl	
SLS 1409	Professional Pathways in the Liberal Arts and Sciences	
SLS 3226	The Art of Adulting	
SLS 3342	Strategic Self-Marketing	
IDS 4XXX	Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies (taken in the final term)	3
Concentration 1 courses ¹		15
Concentration 2 courses ²		15
Total Credits		37

¹ At least one of the Concentration areas must be in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

² A minimum of 18 credits of coursework across Concentration A and Concentration B must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Critical Tracking

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/#degreerequirementstext>).

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

- One Concentration 1 course^[1]
- One Concentration 2 course^[2]
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- One Concentration 1 course
- One Concentration 2 course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- IDS 3XXX: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies
- One Concentration 1 course
- One Concentration 2 course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 6

- One Concentration 1 course
- One Concentration 2 course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

SEMESTER 7

- One Concentration 1 course
- One Concentration 2 course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 8

- IDS 4XXX: Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

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Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the Writing, Civic Literacy, summer enrollment, and Quest requirements while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the General Education International (GE-N) requirements concurrently with another General Education requirement (typically, GE-C, H, or S) as part of the CLAS Basic Distribution requirements. One of the two general education mathematics courses must be a pure math course.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences allows students additional flexibility in its Distribution Requirements. Students may count a maximum of 6 credits TOTAL from the CLAS Distribution course lists towards Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, or Biological and Physical Sciences, with no more than 3 credits of Humanities, 3 credits of Social and Behavioral Sciences, or 6 credits of Biological or Physical Sciences.

The full list of major-specific requirements for this major can be found on the Overview tab. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree requirements can be found on the college's degree requirements page.

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
State Core Gen Ed Composition (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext); Writing Requirement		3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Gen Ed Humanities		3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ¹		4-5
Credits		13-14
Semester Two		
Quest 1		3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext); pure math		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement		3-5
Credits		15-17
Semester Three		
Quest 2		3
Concentration 1 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 2 course (Critical Tracking)		3
State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Elective (or CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement if 4-3-3 option) ¹		3
Credits		15
Semester Four		
Concentration 1 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 2 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area not taken in semester 3)		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement		3
Gen Ed Humanities		3
Natural Science Laboratory ²		1
Credits		16
Semester Five		
IDS 3XXX (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 1 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 2 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences		3
Credits		15
Semester Six		
Concentration 1 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 2 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Beyond 120 course (Critical Tracking)		1
Gen Ed Biological Sciences		3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)		3
Credits		16
Semester Seven		
Concentration 1 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Concentration 2 course (Critical Tracking)		3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)		9
Credits		15
Semester Eight		
IDS 4XXX (Critical Tracking)		3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)		6

Electives	6
Credits	15
Total Credits	120-123

¹ CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

² Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/#degreerequirementstext>)