Interdisciplinary Studies, BA

Become a master interdisciplinarian. Prepare for future challenges by integrating two concentration areas you are passionate about. Select from more than 150 possibilities.

Program Description

The ASU BA program in interdisciplinary studies, one of the top five in the country, offers students the freedom to select two areas of study, referred to as concentration areas, from a rich menu of more than 150 possibilities. Concentration checksheets are available at https://cisa.asu.edu/interdisciplinary-studies-concentrations.

The core curriculum provides students the intellectual tools to integrate their concentration areas, engage in transdisciplinary problem-solving and prepare for careers and graduate programs that increasingly cross disciplinary boundaries. An interdisciplinary studies student could choose to integrate concentrations like business and project management, psychology and social welfare, communication and justice studies, public administration and ethics, digital culture and computer gaming or many other unique combinations.

Interdisciplinary studies is an approach to answering questions, solving problems and addressing contemporary social issues from multiple perspectives. Interdisciplinary studies students take an active role in designing their educational plans and defining their career goals. The degree emphasizes written communication, versatility, self-assessment and critical thinking --- essential skills for today's dynamic world.

Those interested in the online program for interdisciplinary studies may visit the ASU Online website for more information.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Polytechnic campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance
• College/School: College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
• Location: Downtown Phoenix campus, Polytechnic campus, Tempe campus or online
• Additional Program Fee: No
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map (On-campus)
2020 - 2021 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

The program is available to all students in good academic standing who have achieved sophomore, junior or senior standing. Students should meet with an advisor to declare their major as interdisciplinary studies.

Change of Major Requirements

There are no additional requirements for current ASU students to change majors into this program; however, students interested in the interdisciplinary studies major are highly encouraged to meet with an advisor.
Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Integrative Sciences and Arts recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in interdisciplinary studies: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.interdisciplinary-studies.

**Career Opportunities**

Because of the flexibility of the interdisciplinary studies program, graduates take many exciting career paths after leaving ASU. While some students complete graduate or professional degrees, others immediately enter the job market. For example, one graduate combined business and communication and now owns a small business; another integrated sociology and family studies to further a career in law enforcement; another
studied philosophy and economics to prepare for law school; another combined biology and chemistry in preparation to pursue a master of pharmacy degree; yet, another studied Spanish and religious studies and now works as an employee trainer for a major company.

Possible career opportunities include:

- archivist
- chief executive
- climate change analyst
- compliance manager
- computer network support specialist
- curator
- editor
- environmental restoration planner
- general and operations manager
- regulatory affairs manager
- reporters and correspondent
- web developer
- wholesale and retail buyer (except farm products)

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).
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