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Program Status   Active

Academic Level   Undergraduate

Type of proposal   Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification
Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?
  No

Are you adding or modifying a track?
  No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?
  No

Effective Catalog Year   Fall 2024

College/School Code
  Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code
  Department of Arts and Sciences Dean (ARSD)

In Workflow

1. **ARSC Dean Initial**
2. **Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment**
3. **Registrar Initial**
4. **Institutional Research**
5. **ARSD Chair**
6. **ARSC Curriculum Committee**
7. **AFLS Dean**
8. **ARSC Dean**
9. **EDUC Dean**
10. **ENGR Dean**
11. **WCOB Dean**
12. **Global Campus**
13. **Provost Review**
14. **Undergraduate Council**
15. **Faculty Senate**
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18. Catalog Editor Final

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14. 02/28/24 1:47 pm Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza): Approved for Undergraduate Council

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2. Jun 1, 2015 by Charlie Alison (calison)
3. Jun 2, 2020 by Charlie Alison (calison)
4. Dec 10, 2020 by Karen Turner (kjvestal)
5. May 19, 2022 by Ryan Cochran (rcc003)

30.0000 - Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General.

Program Title

Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts

Program Delivery
Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences (AFLS)
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)
College of Engineering (ENGR)
Walton College of Business (WCOB)

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total
hours needed to
complete the
program?

120

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering
Web-based Program

NA already available on-line

Maximum Class Size
for Web-based
Courses

NA

Course delivery
mode

Method(s)
Online

Class interaction
mode

Method(s):
E-mail

Percent Online

100%

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization

NA--already exists

Estimate Costs of the Program over the First 3 Years	NA--already exists
List Courses Taught by Adjunct Faculty	
Upload Memorandum of Understanding Forms (if required)	

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

University ~~The major will lead to a Bachelor~~ **of Arkansas and Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies:** ~~Studies.~~

The following credit hour requirements ~~In addition to the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements (see under Degree Completion Program Policy), the following course requirements~~ must be met (see Degree Completion Program Policy for additional information). ~~met.~~

State minimum core requirements ~~requirements~~ may vary by individual, based on placement and previous course credit earned. ~~granted.~~ Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

Students are required to submit an application to join the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies and to include a proposed plan of study to the program director.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program is designed for ~~targeted toward highly~~ motivated students with unique ~~whose~~ interests, needs, and talents that traditional majors do ~~are~~ not fully meet. ~~reflected or met by existing majors.~~ The major can provide a broad range of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for various career paths or further studies at the graduate or professional level. Students completing the major will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Students who wish to pursue a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies have three options:

~~It is a major in which students will pursue coursework from two or more traditional disciplines in sufficient depth and breadth to prepare them for employment or graduate/professional study. The major will lead to a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. There are three options for students who wish to pursue a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies:~~ **Option 1** – Construction of an Interdisciplinary Studies major consisting of three thematically linked minors, at least one of which must come from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. Students will follow the specific program requirements as specified by each minor. For Option 1, the Thematically

Linked Coursework must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum number of hours dependent on which group of three minors are selected.

Option 2 – Construction of an Interdisciplinary Studies major consisting of ~~a~~ thematically linked ~~set of~~ coursework primarily selected from, but not limited to, courses in Fulbright College. For Option 2, Thematically Linked Coursework must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum of 21 hours of course work from a single discipline. Thirty credit hours of the proposed coursework must be numbered at the 30000-level ~~3000-level~~ or higher. At least two-thirds of the advanced level coursework must be completed on the UA-Fayetteville campus.

Option 3 - Construction ~~3 - Construction~~ of an Interdisciplinary Studies major consisting of three to five thematically linked minors, certificates, ~~certificates~~ and microcertificates, at least one of which must come from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. Students will follow the specific program requirements as specified by each minor, certificate, and/or microcertificate. For Option 3, the Thematically Linked Coursework must contain a minimum of 45 credit hours with a maximum number of hours dependent on which minors, certificates, ~~certificates~~ or microcertificates are selected. ~~In addition to the Plan of Study, students wishing to pursue the interdisciplinary studies major must also submit a narrative statement that (1) expresses how the proposed coursework (or group of minors) fit together thematically; (2) expresses why the student's interests and needs are not met by existing degree programs; and (3) expresses how the interdisciplinary studies major contributes to the student's career goals and post-graduate opportunities.~~ **Interdisciplinary Studies Program Requirements:**

State Minimum Core	35
~~IDST Requirement~~	~~6~~
~~IDST 2003~~	~~Course IDST 2003 Not Found~~
~~IDST 4013~~	~~Course IDST 4013 Not Found~~
IDST Core	
IDST 20003	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies [1] 3
IDST 40103	Senior Capstone 3
Thematically Linked Coursework	45-57
Option 1 - Three minors	
Option 2 - Thematically linked set of coursework	
Option 3 - Minors/certificates/microcertificates	
General Electives [2]	22-34

Total Hours   120

1

IDST 20003 should be taken as early as possible, ideally in the first semester in the major.

2

Students must present for degree credit at least 40 credit hours of work in courses numbered 30000 and above. Included in these 40 hours can be courses numbered 20000 if each has a specific course designated as a prerequisite. Additionally, students must complete 30 credit hours of work from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. If Thematically Linked Coursework is not sufficient to satisfy the 40 credit hour and 30 credit hour rules, general electives must be used as needed to meet these requirements.

~~Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better on coursework constituting the major (e.g., Options 1, 2, or 3) for continuation in the program and in order to graduate with an Interdisciplinary Studiesmajor.Should a student's GPA in the major fall below 2.5, he or she will have one semester to bring the GPA back to an acceptablelevel.In addition to the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements (see under Degree Completion Program Policy), the following course requirements must bemet.State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous creditgranted.Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academicadvisor.~~

8-Semester Plan

Interdisciplinary Studies B.A.

Eight-Semester Degree Plan

Students enrolling in the eight-semester degree plan should review the Eight-Semester Degree Completion Policy. State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

Students in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program develop individualized course plans. These courses are referred to in the plan below as IDST Course Plan hours.

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
~~ENGL 1013~~ ~~Course ENGL 1013 Not Found~~ ~~(Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)[1]~~	3	-
ENGL 10103 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)[1]	3	-
Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1:[1]		
~~MATH 1313~~ ~~Course MATH 1313 Not Found~~ ~~or MATH 1203~~ ~~Course MATH 1203 Not Found~~	3	-
MATH 11103 Quantitative Reasoning (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1113)[1]	3	-
or any MATH or STAT course numbered higher than MATH 11003		
Science State Minimum Core lecture requirement with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)[1]	4	
Fine Arts State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.1)[1]	3	
~~IDST 2003~~ ~~Course IDST 2003 Not Found~~	3	-
IDST 20003 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies	3	-
~~ENGL 1023~~ ~~Course ENGL 1023 Not Found~~ ~~(Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)[1]~~	-	3
ENGL 10203 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023)[1]	-	3
Science State Minimum Core lecture with corequisite lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)[1]		4
Humanities State Minimum Core course requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.2)[1]		3
Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.2:[1]		
~~HIST 2003~~ ~~Course HIST 2003 Not Found~~ ~~or HIST 2013~~ ~~Course HIST 2013 Not Found~~ ~~or PLSC 2003~~ ~~Course PLSC 2003 Not Found~~	-	3
HIST 20003 History of the American People to 1877 (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2113)[1] or HIST 20103 History of the American People, 1877 to Present (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2123) or PLSC 20003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003)	-	3
IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed		3
Year Total:	16	16

Second Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
Social Sciences State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)[1]	3	

	Units	

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed(Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan[1] — 12

Social Sciences State Minimum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)[1] — 3

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed (Satisfies General Education Outcome 5.1), if needed or IDST Course Plan)[1] — 12

Year Total: — 15 15

Third Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring

Social Sciences State Minumum Core requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)[1] — 3

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed — 12

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.2)[1] — 15

Year Total: — 15 15

Fourth Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed — 15

IDST Course Plan or General Electives, as needed — 10

~~IDST 4013~~ ~~Course IDST 4013 Not Found~~ (Satisfies General Education Outcome 6.1) — ~~-~~ ~~3~~

IDST 40103 Senior Capstone (Satisfies General Education Outcome 6.1)[1] — - 3

Year Total: — 15 13

Total Units in Sequence: — 120

[1]
Students must complete the State Minimum Core and the requirements of their major(s) as outlined in the Catalog of Studies. These courses also fulfill many, if not all, of the General Education Requirements. Please visit these pages in the links provided and consult with your academic advisor when making course selections to fulfill these requirements.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program — NA

Scheduled Program Review Date — 2030-2031 ~~2021-2022~~

Program Goals and Objectives

Program Goals and Objectives
Program already exists

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes
Program already exists

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Updated text of major to remove typos and use more consistent language across the three options.	Updated language is clearer.
Removed reference to Narrative Statement requirement.	Narrative statement has been built in to the IDST intro course.
Removed 2.5 major GPA requirement	Removing GPA requirement brings program into alignment with majority of ARSC programs, which do not have a separate GPA requirement for the major.
Updated text and 8 semester plan for 5 digit course numbers.	

Upload attachments

Reviewer Comments

   Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/30/24 3:25 pm): Updated next scheduled program review date.

   Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/30/24 3:34 pm): Added appropriate footnote to IDST 40103 per conversation with dean's office.

   Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/30/24 3:48 pm): Adjusted footnote 2 in the 8 semester plan back to 1, to match all the references throughout the plan.

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