**LETTER OF INTENT – 1**

(New Certificate or Degree Program)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas

2. Education Program Contact person/title: Dr. Jim Gigantino,

Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

3. Telephone number/e-mail address: 479-575-2151/jgiganti@uark.edu

4. Proposed Name of Certificate or Degree Program: Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts

5. Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023

6. Requested CIP Code: 30.0000, Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General

7. Program Description:

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies supports graduate students whose academic interests and career goals are not currently serviced by existing degree programs or span two or more subject areas. The degree requires research and coursework in at least two disciplines and challenges students to thematically link their graduate program of study through an interdisciplinary thesis or capstone research project.

8. Mode of Delivery (mark all that apply):

 **X\_\_\_\_ On-Campus**

 **Off-Campus Location**

Provide address of off-campus location

Provide a copy of the e-mail notification to other institutions in the state notifying them of the proposed program. Please inform institutions not to send the response to “Reply All”. If you receive an objection/concern(s) from an institution, reply to the institution and copy ADHE on the email. That institution should respond and copy ADHE. If the objection/concern(s) cannot be resolved, ADHE may intervene.

Submit copy of written notification to Higher Learning Commission (HLC) if notification required by HLC for a program offered at an off-campus location.

 Indicate distance of proposed site from main campus.

 **X\_\_\_\_ Distance Technology** (50% of program offered by distance technology)

Submit copy of written notification to HLC if notification is required by HLC for a program offered by distance technology.

9. List existing certificate or degree programs that support the proposed program: All graduate courses currently offered by UA-Fayetteville

10. President/Chancellor Approval Date: January 4, 2023

11. Academic Affairs Officer: Dr. Terry Martin, Interim Provost Date: December 12, 2022