

## New Program Proposal

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Viewing: **IDSTMA : Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts**

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### In Workflow

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12. WCOB Dean
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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Graduate		
Type of proposal	Major/Field of Study		
Select a reason for this new program	Adding New Degree--(LOI 1, Proposal-1)		
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 2023		
College/School Code	Graduate School and International Education (GRAD)		
Department Code	Department of Graduate Dean (GRSD)		
Program Code	IDSTMA		
Degree	Master of Arts		
CIP Code			

## Approval Path

1. 09/16/22 8:52 am  
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2. 09/16/22 8:53 am  
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3. 09/16/22 9:00 am  
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4. 09/19/22 12:10 pm  
Alice Griffin  
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and Program  
Assessment
5. 09/21/22 10:36 am  
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Registrar Initial
6. 09/21/22 10:58 am  
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7. 09/21/22 2:04 pm  
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10. 10/11/22 8:59 am  
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11. 10/11/22 9:14 am  
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12. 10/11/22 9:19 am  
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13. 10/11/22 9:40 am  
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14. 10/11/22 9:40 am  
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15. 10/24/22 9:19 am  
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16. 10/25/22 9:33 am  
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17. 10/25/22 9:34 am  
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18. 10/25/22 10:04 am  
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 Approved for  
 Graduate Council

30.0000 - Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General.

Program Title

Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

<b>College/School Name</b>
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences (AFLS)
College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)
College of Engineering (ENGR)
Fay Jones School of Architecture (ARCH)
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
Walton College of Business (WCOB)
Graduate School (GRAD)

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

Yes

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College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)
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What are the total  
 hours needed to

30

complete the  
program?

## On-line/Web-based Information

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Reason for offering

Web-based Program

Program will be offered online to support degree completion of online degree students and to create unique pathways between current online degree programs for students.

Maximum Class Size 25

for Web-based  
Courses

Course delivery  
mode

Method(s)
Online

Class interaction  
mode

Method(s):
Electronic Bulletin Boards
E-mail
Blog

Percent Online

100% with No Required Campus Component

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

Estimate Costs of the 32,000  
Program over the  
First 3 Years

List Courses Taught  
by Adjunct Faculty

Upload  
Memorandum of

Understanding Forms  
(if required)

## Program Requirements and Description

### Requirements

#### M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

##### Admission Requirements:

All prospective students are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, looking at a variety of factors including GPA, statement of purpose, and the appropriateness of our current faculty and other resources to student interests. Graduate work at the master's level presupposes an undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. GRE scores are not required to apply.

Applicants to the M.A. program in Interdisciplinary Studies must apply through the Graduate School. Students must submit a statement of purpose describing their goals in graduate study along with official transcripts of all prior academic work completed. Applications are considered on a rolling basis and are due by August 1 for Fall semester start, December 1 for a Spring semester start, and April 15 for a Summer semester start. Details can be found on the program website.

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree (Thesis Option):** Students seeking the Master of Arts degree through the thesis option must complete at least 30 hours of coursework at the 5000-level and above. The primary and secondary focus areas must be created from courses offered by different academic departments and must be approved by the program director.

The courses for the thesis option should include:

GRSD 5113 INTRODUCTION AND METHODS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRY	Course GRSD 5113 INTRODUCTION AND METHODS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRY Not Found	3
GRSD 600V MASTER'S THESIS	Course GRSD 600V MASTER'S THESIS Not Found	6
Graduate Coursework in primary focus area		12
Graduate coursework in secondary focus area		9
Total Hours		30

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree (Non-Thesis Option):** Students seeking the Master of Arts degree through the non-thesis option must complete at least 30 hours of coursework at the 5000-level and above. The primary and secondary focus areas must be created from courses offered by different academic departments and must be approved by the program director.

The courses for the non-thesis option should include:

GRSD 5113 INTRODUCTION AND METHODS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRY	Course GRSD 5113	3
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INTRODUCTION AND  
METHODS OF  
INTERDISCIPLINARY  
INQUIRY Not Found

GRSD 5203 CAPSTONE SEMINAR IN GRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Course GRSD 5203  
CAPSTONE SEMINAR IN  
GRADUATE  
INTERDISCIPLINARY  
STUDIES Not Found

3

Graduate coursework in primary focus area

12

Graduate coursework in secondary focus area

9

Graduate electives in any area

3

Total Hours

30

Only three hours of independent study/directed readings may be counted towards the degree.

Master’s candidates pursuing the thesis option must complete and satisfactorily defend a master’s thesis as judged by a panel of approved graduate faculty. Master's candidates pursuing the non-thesis option, upon completion of 30 hours of coursework, must pass a comprehensive examination. This examination is part of the Capstone Seminar course. Completion of GRSD 5203 Capstone Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies with at least a B or better will fulfill the comprehensive examination requirement.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Program Costs

Administrative stipend for program director and global campus course development fees. Total of \$32,000 for first three years.

Library Resources

None additional required

Instructional

Facilities

None additional required

Faculty Resources

None additional required

List Existing Certificate or Degree Programs that Support the Proposed Program

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 40

Scheduled Program 2030-2031

Review Date

Program Goals and  
Objectives**Program Goals and Objectives**

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.

Learning Outcomes

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Program learning outcomes include:

- Ability to analyze complex issues and topics from multiple disciplinary perspectives
- Formulate original ideas and articulate them clearly through oral and written presentations for interdisciplinary audiences
- Evaluate and appraise various research methodologies from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Synthesize and analyze material from multiple sources from multiple disciplinary perspectives and to produce original research
- Create an organized research strategy from an interdisciplinary perspective and successfully execute a research plan based on an interdisciplinary approach to scholarship

Description and Justification for this request

**Description of request****Justification for request**



Description of request	Justification for request
New degree program in interdisciplinary studies	<p>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.</p> <p>The target population for this program, similar to the Bachelors of Arts program in Interdisciplinary Studies, are both high-achieving students who cannot be adequately served in other degree programs offered by the University as well as those seeking to return to the University to complete their graduate degrees after an absence. This degree-completer audience, consisting of non-traditional working professionals, will be uniquely served through this program as it can combine prior graduate coursework completed in person on the UAF campus or at other accredited institutions (subject to transfer requirements) with online offerings in a variety of areas.</p>

## Upload attachments

[IDSTMA - New Degree - Degree Cost and Salary Earnings.docx](#)

[IDSTMA - New Degree - Supporting Documentation.docx](#)

[IDSTMA - New Degree - Proposal.docx](#)

[IDSTMA - New Degree - Ltr of Intent.docx](#)

## Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/16/22 2:31 pm):** Revised program title field to match university naming convention. Swapped Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies to Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/16/22 2:45 pm):** Replaced course subject and course numbers with course subject, course numbers, and course titles to reflect courses pending approval.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/16/22 2:52 pm):** ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove the UGRD Council from the approval workflow.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/19/22 12:01 pm):** Minor revisions to Proposal and Supporting Documentation. Also uploading Degree Cost and Salary Earnings document on behalf of submitter. Renamed documentation to match BOT naming convention.

**Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (09/21/22 8:15 am):** Removed Undergraduate Council from pending workflow.

**Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (09/21/22 10:36 am):** Due to this being an interdisciplinary program, workflow has been adjusted to include other college deans.