

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Not all career goals fit into a specific program of study. The interdisciplinary studies program lets you create your own major or minor, allowing you to direct your studies toward a very specific career goal. If the program you are looking for is not one of our 130+ programs of study, you can combine courses from two or more programs to create your own. Interdisciplinary activities are designed to help you better understand relationships between various disciplines. You'll get to choose classes from different departments for a well-rounded education. By customizing your studies to meet industry needs, you'll acquire diverse skills that can be applied to a rapidly changing 21st century.

## Fast facts

**Hours:**

50 hours for major; 18 hours for minor

You will complete the required credit hours with an emphasis in one department and supporting work in at least one other department. The major must include a minimum of 25 credit hours in one area. The minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by your major(s) or minor(s). For both, half of the hours must be upper level courses. The program should be requested prior to completion of 80 hours.

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

## design your own major or minor

**Program Examples**

- Child life studies .....Child life specialist
- Computer and digital animation.....Interactive media designer
- Construction and business.....Construction company owner
- Event management.....Wedding and event planner
- Gerontology .....Home health aide
- International studies .....Foreign service officer
- Photography design in sport.....Sports photojournalist
- Spanish language journalism.....News writer (Spanish news)
- Science communications.....Science journalist
- Youth counseling.....Juvenile case manager
- Youth relationships and development.....Youth program coordinator
- Public and global health.....Epidemiologist

**Possible Careers**

**Getting Started**

Interested in setting up your interdisciplinary studies program? Start discussing your educational goals with your academic advisor or other faculty in your area of interest. They'll help you come up with a plan to get just what you are seeking.

**Questions? Contact:**

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“ This was truly a huge factor in choosing to come to WSC – knowing that I had people behind me, willing to help and create a major that got me to this point. My advisor was very helpful throughout my college career, making sure a plan was in place of what classes I should be taking. ”



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Logan, Iowa  
 B.S. Child Life Studies  
 (Early Childhood + Human Service Counseling)



# Sample program of study

2020-21 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

## The interdisciplinary studies program allows you to create your own major. Here are some sample program pairings from previous IDS graduates:

### Child Life Studies\*

(Combining classes in family and consumer sciences - early childhood with human service counseling)

CSL 202 Introduction to Human Service Counseling  
CSL 324 Fundamentals of Counseling  
CSL 342 Interviewing Skills  
CSL 490 Human Service Counseling Seminar  
CSL 497 Human Service Counseling Internship  
EDU 216 Children's Literature  
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems  
FCS 108 Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences  
FCS 115 Human Development and the Family  
FCS 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
FCS 220 Infants and Toddlers  
FCS 310 Parenting  
FCS 335 The Preschool Age Child  
FCS 412 Guiding the Young Child  
FCS 430 Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Educational Programs  
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 415 The Family  
SPD 301 Inclusive Practices

\*Be sure to also check out the early childhood and family studies program offered at Wayne State College. Visit [www.wsc.edu/early-childhood](http://www.wsc.edu/early-childhood) for details.

### Event Management

(Combining classes in business administration - marketing, family and consumer sciences, and mass communication)

BUS 122 Personal Finance in Modern Society  
BUS 208 Business Communications  
BUS 222 Business Law I  
BUS 240 Accounting I  
BUS 360 Management Theory and Practice  
BUS 370 Principles of Marketing  
BUS 372 Selling and Sales Management  
BUS 374 Advertising and Integrated Marketing  
BUS 408 Business Ethics  
CNA 374 Public Relations  
CNA 426 Web and Social Media Management  
CNA 453 Integrated Marketing Communication  
FCS 104 Principles of Food Preparation  
FCS 205 Meal Management  
FCS 240 Design and Interior Development  
FCS 303 Fashion Retailing  
FCS 306 Family Resource Management  
FCS 313 Techniques in Professional Presentation  
FCS 391 Special Project  
FCS 410 Professional Development in FCS  
FCS 497 Internship

### Photography Design in Sport

(Combining classes in sport management, marketing, journalism, and graphic design)

ART 204 Digital Imaging for Graphic Design  
ART/ITE 363 Digital Photography  
BUS 374 Advertising and Integrated Marketing  
CNA 280 News Writing  
CNA 389 Photojournalism  
CNA 392 Sport Writing  
CNA 458 Advanced News Writing and Reporting  
MLC 110 Elementary Language – American Sign Language  
PED 140 Introduction to Sport Management  
PED 277 Media Relations in Sport  
PED 405 Sport Business  
PED 410 Sport Law  
PED 411 Sport Marketing and Promotion  
PED 489 Fieldwork in Sport Management

### Public and Global Health\*\*

(Combining classes in social sciences, biology, and physical education)

GEO 430 Geographic Information Systems  
PED 105 Anatomy and Physiology or BIO 220 Human Anatomy  
PED 205 Anatomy and Physiology II or BIO 340 Human Physiology  
PGH 200 Intro to Personal, Public, and Global Health  
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology  
SOC 315 Rural Sociology  
SOC 345 Race and Ethnic Relations  
SSC 300 Social Statistics  
SSC 319 Social Science Research Methods

\*\*Be sure to also check out our pre-public health program, jointly offered by Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Visit [www.wsc.edu/pre-public-health](http://www.wsc.edu/pre-public-health) for details.



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