

# 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:

48 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 24 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.

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

## design your own major or minor

### Program Examples

- Advertising .....Advertising sales
- Child Life Studies.....Child life specialist
- Construction and Business.....Construction company owner
- Event Management .....Wedding and event planner
- Fitness and Recreation Development.....Soccer coach
- Gerontology .....Home health aide
- Health Administration .....Health administrator
- International Studies.....Foreign service officer
- Non-profit Management.....Non-profit director
- Photography Design in Sport.....Sports photojournalist
- Spanish Language Journalism .....News writer (Spanish news)
- Youth Counseling.....Juvenile case manager

### 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. ”


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



# Sample programs of study

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The following courses are samples of interdisciplinary majors. To develop a program for your interdisciplinary studies major, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows you to create your own program of study. Here are some sample program pairings from previous IDS graduates:

### Advertising

(Combining classes in art, communication, and business administration)

ART 101 Design  
ART 204 Digital Imaging  
ART 230 Graphic Design I  
ART 110 Drawing I  
ART 363 Digital Photography I  
BUS 373 Marketing with Social Media  
BUS 270 Principles of Marketing  
BUS 374 Advertising and Integrated Marketing  
CNA 290 Editing and Copy Editing  
CNA 301 Advertising Copywriting  
CAN 352 Organizational Presentations  
CNA 372 Media Ethics  
CNA 374 Public Relations  
CNA 377 Public Relations Writing  
CNA 379 Media Management  
CNA 426 Public Relations through Social Media  
CNA 450 Media Design Applications  
CNA 457 Special Topics in Communication  
CNA 453 Integrated Brand Promotion

### Fitness and Recreation Development

(Combining classes in physical education, business administration, and psychology)

BUS 350 Managing Behavior in Organizations  
EDU 250 Human Behavior and Cognition  
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design  
PED 151 Introduction to Health and Physical Education  
PED 171 Elementary School Health and Physical Education  
PED 200 Introduction to Motor Learning and Development  
PED 305 Exercise Physiology  
PED 341 Organization, Administration, and Curriculum Development of Secondary Health and Physical Education  
PED 346 Organization, Administration and Curriculum Development of Elementary Health and Physical Education  
PED 361 Methods and Materials in Health and Physical Education  
PED 381 Physical Education Practicum  
PED 407 Motor Perception and Adaptive for Special Populations  
PED 470 Fitness Evaluation and Assessment  
PED 471 Tests and Measurements  
PSY 444 Topics in Psychology: Sport Psychology  
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-Teaching in General Education  
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning K-8

### Health Administration

(Combining classes in business administration, computer information systems, economics, human services, and public and global health)

BUS 226 Business Statistics  
BUS 260 Management Theory and Practice  
BUS 350 Managing Behavior in Organizations  
BUS 352 Operations and Supply Chain Management  
BUS 367 Foundations of Human Resource Management  
BUS 408 Business Ethics  
BUS 418 Legal Environment of Business  
BUS 455 Employment Law and Labor Relations  
BUS 471 Principles of Supervision  
BIO 108 Medical Terminology  
CIS 130 Introduction to Computer/Information Technology  
CIS 231 Microcomputer Software  
CIS 430 Management Information Systems  
ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics  
ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics  
HUS 470 Planning, Administration, and Evaluation of Human Services Programs  
PGH 200 Introduction to Personal, Public, and Global Health

### Non-Profit Management

(Combining classes in business administration, communication, and sociology)

BUS 226 Business Statistics  
BUS 240 Accounting I  
BUS 260 Management Theory and Practice  
BUS 270 Principles of Marketing  
BUS 350 Managing Behavior in Organizations  
BUS 367 Foundations of Human Resource Management  
BUS 408 Business Ethics  
BUS 418 Legal Environment of Business  
CNA 346 Organizational Communications  
CNA 377 Public Relations Writing  
CNA 442 Communication and Rhetorical Theory  
EAS 360 Global Climate Change  
GEO 315 World Economic Geography  
PSY 316 Social Psychology  
SOC 355 Health and Populations  
SOC 460 Social Inequalities

All students in the Interdisciplinary Studies program must take IDS 490 Assessment Seminar in their last semester, which requires students to demonstrate their level of achievement in their program.

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