

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Students wishing to explore major courses of study not offered by individual departments may petition for an Interdisciplinary Studies major. Under the guidance of a faculty committee specially appointed by the Registrar, such students may develop majors combining courses from several departments or areas. Each Interdisciplinary Studies major must have a coherent thematic principle governing the selection and sequencing of courses in the major and must be approved in all particulars by the specially appointed committee. Students who would like to explore an Interdisciplinary Studies major are urged to consult with their faculty advisors or with the Office of the Registrar.

Students are encouraged to declare an intention to pursue an Interdisciplinary Studies major during the sophomore year. Under no circumstances should a student declare such intent later than the first term of his or her junior year. Declaration of such intent is made by submitting a written proposal to the Registrar. The proposal must be signed by the student's academic advisor and must contain a list of eight to fourteen courses proposed to constitute the major, a narrative account of the aims the student intends to fulfill by means of the proposed major, and the reasoning that supports the desirability of the proposed major.

The faculty committee appointed by the Registrar will review the student's proposal for an Interdisciplinary Studies major and advise the student subsequent to approval of the proposal, if approval is granted. On receipt of a positive recommendation from the committee, the Registrar will authorize the student to pursue the major. Interested students should consult the Registrar.