



## Undergraduate Degree Map for Completion in Four Years

<b>College:</b>	College of Arts and Humanities <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Department:</b>	Inter-Disciplinary Studies <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Name of Program:</b>	OPEN STUDIES <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Degree Designation:</b>	BS <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Emphasis/Concentration:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Option:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Version:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Version Explanation:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Type of Program:</b>	Broad Major <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Minor Required:</b>	No <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Specific Minor (if required):</b>	<input type="text"/>

### Program Description:

The Interdisciplinary Studies baccalaureate major is designed to give highly motivated, self-directed students an opportunity to create their own programs and earn an undergraduate degree. It is a liberal-education program designed for students who wish to major in an interdisciplinary area with a coherency of design.

Students seeking the Interdisciplinary Studies degree will select three academic areas in which to concentrate their work and will arrange for a faculty advisor in one of those areas to oversee their work. The areas of study must represent three distinct academic disciplines at Minnesota State University. The student must file a plan of study that provides a reason for choosing these areas of study and that demonstrates why the proposed work cannot be accomplished under the usual major-and-minor(s) format at MSU

### Admission Requirements:

Student must have a current, cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher, according to MSU records.

Student should apply after earning a minimum of 32 semester credits and before completing 80 semester credits, according to MSU records. Student having more than 80 credits may still be considered for the Interdisciplinary Studies program if they are willing to meet all other requirements of the program.

Student must submit a formal application on a form provided by the Interdisciplinary Studies director.

### Advising:

You are expected to meet with your advisor on a regular basis to ensure courses are taken in an order that will lead to successful completion of the degree.

You are expected to meet with the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies before registering for class each semester.

A complete listing of program faculty, policies, and course descriptions is available in the undergraduate bulletin.

## TERM 1 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 15 credit hours
ENG	101	English Composition (Goal Area 1A)	4	Must receive a grade of a C or better
		Goal Area 3 (1 course LAB)	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.
		Goal Area 4	3-4	Must receive a grade of C or better
		Goal Area 6	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.

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**Term 1 Notes:**

In completion of a degree, students must take two Writing Intensive (W) course and two Diverse Cultures (P or G) course. Students are cautioned to keep track of their total credit hours to assure that they reach the required 120 credits. Taking most General Education courses for 3 credits will leave you short. It is suggested that you take a majority of the courses for 4 credits. Course load should equal a minimum of 15 credits each semester to graduate in 4 years

## TERM 2 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 30 credit hours Advance to Sophomore status
		Goal Area 5	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.
		Second Goal Area 6 course	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.
		Goal Area 9	3-4	
		Goal Area 11	1	Minimum of two credits, maximum required for this area.

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**Term 2 Notes:**

Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area. Students are cautioned to keep track of their total credit hours to assure that they reach the required 120 credits. Taking most General Education courses for 3 credits will leave you short. It is suggested that you take a majority of the courses for 4 credits. Course load should equal a minimum of 15 credits each semester to graduate in 4 years

## TERM 3 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
		Goal Area 1B	3-4	
		Second Goal Area 5 course	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
		Goal Area 8	3-4	Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
		Goal Area 3 (NON-LAB)	3-4	Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.

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Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area.  
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## TERM 4 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
		Goal Area 10	3-4	Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 60 credit hours Advance to Junior status
		Second Goal Area 11	1	Minimum 2 credits, maximum required for this area.
		Goal Area 7	3-4	
		Elective	3-4	
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### Term 4 Notes:

1. Apply for Interdisciplinary Studies Major  
2. Must have TWO courses from DIFFERENT Disciplines to complete this goal area  
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## TERM 5 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Apply for Graduation
Major Area I	3/4xx	Major Area I Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area I	3/4xx	Major Area I Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area II	3/4xx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area III	3/4xx	Major Area III Upper Level Course	3-4	

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### Term 5 Notes:

This would be your first semester of taking courses in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major. As such, you will be building your three major emphasis areas. What is illustrated above is an example of how you might complete this first semester. It is not necessary to take courses in all three major emphasis areas in one semester. Much of the design depends upon availability of courses. Only courses where you receive a C or better will be included in your overall degree program. The major requires a 2.5 GPA to graduate.

### TERM 6 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 90 credit hours Advance to Senior status
Major Area I	3/4xx	Major Area I Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area II	3/4xx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area II	3/4xx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area III	3/4xx	Major Area III Upper Level Course	3-4	

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#### Term 6 Notes:

This would be your second semester of taking courses in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major. You will continue to build your three major emphasis areas. What is illustrated above is an example of how you might complete this first semester. It is not necessary to take courses in all three major emphasis areas in one semester. Much of the design depends upon availability of courses. Only courses where you receive a C or better will be included in your overall degree program. The major requires a 2.5 GPA to graduate.

### TERM 7 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
Major Area I	3/4xx	Major Area I Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area I	3/4xx	Major Area I Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area II	3/4xx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area II	3/4xx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	

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#### Term 7 Notes:

This would be your third semester of taking courses in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major. You are continuing to build your three major emphasis areas. What is illustrated above is an example of how you might complete this first semester. It is not necessary to take courses in all three major emphasis areas in one semester. Much of the design depends upon availability of courses. Only courses where you receive a C or better will be included in your overall degree program. The major requires a 2.5 GPA to graduate.

### TERM 8 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
Major Area II	3/4xxx	Major Area II Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area III	3/4xx	Major Area III Upper Level Course	3-4	

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67%
Major Area III	3/4xx	Major Area III Upper Level Course	3-4	
Major Area III	3/4xx	Major Area III Upper Level Course	3-4	
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### PROGRAM NOTES

### DEGREE MAP CHECKLIST: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Minimum of 15 credits per semester
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. General Education = 44 credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Diverse Cultures = 2 course (6 credits minimum) from two disciplines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Writing Intensive = 2 courses (6 credits minimum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Major = <input type="text"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Upper-Division Requirements = 40 credits minimum
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Professional Education (if required) = 30 credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Language Requirements (if BA) = 8 credits minimum
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Minor = <input type="text"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Total credits required for degree <input type="text" value="48"/>

### DEGREE MAP COMPLETE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map is complete and ready for review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty please send an email to your Department Chair when map is ready to review.</li> <li>2. Department Chair please send an email to your Dean when map is ready to review.</li> <li>3. Dean please send an email to the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies when map is ready to review.</li> </ol>
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### DEAN APPROVAL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map reviewed and approved by Dean
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