

Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

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Degree Program Descriptions

The Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, in coordination with the Honors Program (http://www.dixie.edu/academics/honors_program.php), serves as a hub for interdisciplinary activities on campus and as a home for both the Integrated Studies baccalaureate degree program and the Individualized Studies baccalaureate degree program.

Integrated Studies (BA/BS) Degree Program

The Integrated Studies program at Dixie State University provides opportunities for students to earn a bachelor's degree different from traditional, discipline-specific programs. Students select two emphasis areas from the following: Art (2 tracks available), American Sign Language, Biology, Chemistry, Communications (3 tracks available), Criminal Justice, Dance, Digital Design, Earth Science, English (2 tracks available), History, Humanities, Information Technology, Management, Management & Operations, Marketing, Mathematics, Military Science, Music, Psychology, Recreation Management, Sociology, Software Development, Spanish, Theater, and Web Design & Development.

Students have the flexibility of developing a major program of study that will uniquely suit their personal and professional goals. It presents the advantages of a liberal arts degree while allowing students to combine basic knowledge and explore relationships between two academic or professional fields. This approach enables students not only to assume greater responsibility and ownership of their major areas of study but also to gain knowledge and skills tailored to a specific career or professional pursuit by expanding their training beyond a traditional, discipline-specific curriculum.

Integrative, interdisciplinary study involves bridging traditional academic boundaries to examine the relationships between various disciplines. This approach challenges students to recognize the distinct methodologies and practices unique to different fields of knowledge and to appreciate the significant ways that knowledge results from interactions among these fields. A successful Integrated Studies program will produce a student who understands that learning, itself, is interdisciplinary and integrative in nature and who can identify significant connections between disciplines and incorporate them into his or her education, work, and life.

Employers value skills such as critical thinking, written and verbal communication, and breadth of knowledge and experience. The Integrated Studies program develops these and other important skills necessary for a competitive job market and for life-long learning. Recent graduates have gone on to pursue graduate degrees in business, law, psychology, school counseling, physical therapy, and medicine and to advance in their professional careers and employment.

Integrated Studies Program Admission Requirements

Students must be in good standing with the university and meet with an Integrated Studies program advisor to be admitted to the program. Students may declare a pre-Integrated Studies major before meeting with an advisor; however, they must meet with an advisor and declare their two emphasis areas before they are fully matriculated into the program.

Integrated Studies Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Integrated Studies program will

- Understand the nature and process of interdisciplinary integration
- Appreciate the unique advantages of integrative research and learning

- Recognize how interdisciplinary-based research provides important knowledge and insight into complex problems and issues
- Understand the nature of disciplinary research and scholarship
- Identify the distinct theories, epistemologies, methods, concepts, and assumptions of two academic disciplines
- Conduct scholarly research and writing in two academic disciplines
- Demonstrate integrative understanding of a topic, problem, or phenomenon from two disciplinary perspectives, as demonstrated in the senior project process

Individualized Studies (BIS) Degree Program

The DSU Bachelor of Individualized Studies is a versatile degree program in which students customize and title their program of study in accordance with their post-graduate pursuits and in collaboration with supportive and enthusiastic faculty mentors. This degree program aims to serve students with the maturity and life experience to participate in the design of their own majors, especially those under-served, nontraditional university populations such as returning, older students who may have a variety of college credits and work experiences but who would not be as well served by a baccalaureate in any single, standard academic discipline.

A unique curriculum that provides its students with the opportunity to build degrees not currently offered at DSU, the Individualized Studies Program requires its students to possess an adaptive, autonomous, and autodidactic attitude. It emphasizes core competencies in *written composition*, *statistical comprehension*, *public presentation*, and *collaborative problem solving*, competencies that are highly valued by employers across industries and are crucial to producing civic vitality in the 21st century.

The Bachelor of Individualized Studies requires each student to clearly define personal educational objectives and to design a detailed, individualized academic plan that will accomplish those objectives. The students design their plans through a reflective process of self-driven but faculty-guided curriculum building, involving multiple academic disciplines and the Individualized Studies core.

Individualized Studies Program Admission Requirements

Students must be in good standing with the university and meet with the Individualized Studies program advisor to be considered for the program. Full admission to the program depends on the successful completion of INDS 3800/3801, a successful submission of an Individualized Academic Plan to the Individualized Studies Approval Committee, and the agreement of a Thematic Area Specialist who will act as signatory and mentor throughout the development of the Individualized Academic Plan. Students will locate their Thematic Area Specialist during the course of INDS 3800/3801.

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Course Prefixes

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Degrees & Certificates

- Bachelor of Individualized Studies (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_individualized_studies)
- Bachelor of Arts/Science in Integrated Studies (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies_)

Integrated Studies Emphases

- Art (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__art_emphasis)
- ASL Interpreter (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies_asl_interpreter_emphasis)
- Biology (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__biology_emphasis)
- Chemistry (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__chemistry_emphasis)
- Communication Studies (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__communication_emphasis)
- Criminal Justice (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__criminal_justice_emphasis)
- Dance (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/dance/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__dance_emphasis)
- Digital Design (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__digital_design)
- Digital Film Production (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies_digital_film_emphasis)

- Earth Science (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__earth_science_emphasis)
- English (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__english_emphasis)
- History (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__history_emphasis)
- Humanities (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/humanities/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__humanities_emphasis)
- Information Technology (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__information_technology_emphasis)
- Management (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__business_emphasis)
- Management & Operations (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__management__operations_emphasis)
- Marketing (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__marketing_emphasis)
- Mathematical Sciences (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__mathematical_sciences_emphasis)
- Media Studies (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__media_studies_emphasis)
- Military Science (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__military_science_emphasis) (not accepting new students at this time)
- Music (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__music_emphasis)
- Psychology (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/psychology/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__psychology_emphasis)
- Recreation Management (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/physicaleducationhealthrecreation/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__recreation_management_emphasis)
- Sociology (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__sociology_emphasis)
- Software Development (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__computer_science_emphasis)
- Spanish (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/humanities/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__spanish_emphasis)
- Theatre (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__theatre_emphasis)
- Web Design & Development (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/interdisciplinaryartsandsciences/bachelor_of_sciencebachelor_of_arts_in_integrated_studies__web_design__development)