

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES | CLAS

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recognizes that students' academic and professional interests may include more than one discipline and that some majors are not formally available at the university. Because interdisciplinary approaches, research, and curricular activities are becoming increasingly appropriate and valuable within the liberal arts and sciences and other fields, UF students have the option to develop and pursue interdisciplinary (IDS) majors that cross the boundaries of numerous disciplines.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts | Bachelor of Science
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
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Overviews

IDS is a limited-access major in CLAS that requires a minimum 3.0 UF GPA. Students must select two regular faculty members who agree to work with them from the planning stages to completion of the thesis research proposal. At least one faculty advisor must be a member of CLAS; faculty advisors cannot be from the same department.

Students should begin planning early. They should declare a related CLAS major and then apply to IDS as early as semester four or at the latest by semester five. Transfer students must complete their first semester with a UF GPA of 3.0 before they can apply to this program. Late application may result in denial of admission to the program. Students interested in pursuing an interdisciplinary major should contact the director of the particular specialization listed below or view the IDS information on the college's website.

Each applicant and their interdisciplinary program must be approved by the inter-college Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies and include at least 20 credits of 3000/4000-level coursework taken in two or more departments. All other CLAS degree requirements (e.g., foreign language, basic distribution, electives, etc.) must be met. The student must also take at least seven credits, but no more than 12, of IDS 4906 (or equivalent courses) under the direction of one or both of the supervisory faculty members and produce a senior thesis.

Interdisciplinary majors may also graduate with honors recognition. Requirements are the same as for department majors, with the additional provision that *magna cum laude* or *summa cum laude* recognition must be recommended by two members of the student's supervisory committee (including the principal supervisor), who will affirm that the student conducted an individual project in IDS 4906 (or equivalent).

Students in science tracks who are enrolled in IDS 4905 work 3-4 hours per week in the laboratory for each credit earned.

All students with IDS majors are required to complete Quest 1 and Quest 2 coursework in their first four semesters.

In addition to the established concentrations, students may design a customized course of study in consultation with faculty advisors relevant to the interdisciplinary thesis project. If interested in this option, students should first contact the associate dean for IDS majors.
