

Interdisciplinary Studies Major

Total Major hours: 36
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p><i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First Year CATC options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	<p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p><i>Electives or Prerequisites (2-4)¹</i></p> <p><i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i></p>	<p>Summer 1</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options: Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, job experience, non-major internship, or summer research</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p><i>IDS 291: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (2)^{F,2}</i> <i>Program of Study (POS) Upper-division course^{1,3}</i> <i>Electives (2-4)¹</i></p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p><i>POS Upper-division course^{1,3}</i> <i>Electives (2-4)¹</i></p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p><i>POS Upper-division course^{1,3}</i> <i>IDS 371: Interdisciplinary Research – Methods and Design*^F</i> <i>Consider semester off campus/ study abroad (GPS)</i></p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p><i>POS Upper-division course^{1,3}</i></p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course (4-8)</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 4</p> <p><i>POS Upper-division course^{1,3}</i> <i>Electives (2-4)¹</i></p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 4</p> <p><i>POS Upper-division course^{1,3}</i> <i>IDS 494: Senior Seminar*^S</i></p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

Offered every other year

¹ Courses that meet CATC tags: Many elective or prerequisite courses for the Interdisciplinary Studies programs of study carry Thematic Core tags.

² Note that IDS 291 is open to freshmen students who have not yet been admitted to the IDS program as an opportunity to explore their interest in applying to the program in the fall of their freshman year.

³ Students accepted to the Interdisciplinary Studies major (a selective program) create an approved **Program of Study (POS)** to plan their upper-division courses across two or three academic disciplines: two disciplines require 12 upper-division credit hours each (24 total); three disciplines require 8 upper-division credit hours each (24 total). One of the upper-division courses must be approved as an integrative or bridge course, clearly linking the chosen disciplines in the program of study thematically.

-Students may apply to the IDS program after 30 credit hours have been completed. See the program website for details on the application process.

- Students can apply to the program through the end of their sophomore year and begin work on their POS courses as late as the fall of their junior year.

-Internship hours do not apply directly towards the major. An IDS Internship is not required, but is encouraged as appropriate.