

# CHARLOTTE

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

### **Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.**

#### **Program Description**

The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies has concentrations in the following areas: Capitalism Studies; Film & Media Production; Gerontology; Health & Medical Humanities; and Women's and Gender Studies. The program allows students to combine an interdisciplinary concentration in one of these areas with in-depth coursework in a disciplinary field to create an individually designed major reflecting their own interests. Through the combination of interdisciplinary and disciplinary coursework, students gain a deeper understanding of these areas of study from multiple perspectives and develop competencies in oral and written communication, critical thinking, data analysis, teamwork, and leadership.

#### **Admission Requirements**

All students must meet UNC Charlotte requirements for admission for undergraduate students. In addition, students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA unless it is the student's first semester at UNC Charlotte and a cumulative GPA has not been established. General advising for prospective and newly declared majors will introduce students to the curriculum and degree requirements so as not to delay graduation or result in higher costs to students.

#### **Major Requirements**

The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) requires a minimum of 36 credit hours. It consists of an interdisciplinary concentration in Capitalism Studies (CAPI), Film & Media Production (FILM), Gerontology (GRNT), Health & Medical Humanities (HHUM), or Women's and Gender Studies (WGST) (18-21 credit hours) plus at least 18 hours in a disciplinary field of study. This may be a minor in a disciplinary field or a course of study approved by the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies. IDST majors can select the combination of interdisciplinary and disciplinary concentrations that fits their own interests and prepares them for their chosen career path. A maximum of two courses (6 hours) from the student's disciplinary coursework can count toward the interdisciplinary concentration, allowing a student to complete the IDST major in 30-33 credit hours with proper planning. No more than two courses (6 hours) from another declared major can count toward the student's Interdisciplinary Studies major.

## Degree Requirements

| Requirement                     | Courses                        | Credit Hours | Notes   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| General Education               |                                | 37-43        | See General Education program   |
| Foreign Language                |                                | 6-8          | Two introductory courses or one introductory and one intermediate course  |
| Interdisciplinary Studies Major |                                | 36           | Major consists of an interdisciplinary concentration (CAPI, FILM, GRNT, HHUM, or WGST) plus 18 hours of disciplinary coursework |
|                                 | Foundations                    | 6            | Introductory courses in selected interdisciplinary concentration AND disciplinary field   |
|                                 | Research methods               | 3            | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods  |
|                                 | Interdisciplinary coursework   | 18-21 total  | Remaining courses required to complete interdisciplinary concentration  |
|                                 | Disciplinary depth coursework* | 18 total     | Remaining courses required to complete disciplinary minor or approved alternative course of study                               |
|                                 | Capstone/practicum             | 3            | Culminating research project or internship in interdisciplinary concentration   |
| Electives                       |                                |              | As needed to complete total degree credit hours   |
| Total Degree Requirements       |                                | 120          |   |

\* A maximum of two courses from the student's disciplinary coursework can count toward the interdisciplinary concentration when completing the Interdisciplinary Studies major.

**Sample Plan of Study for Each Concentration (Fall 2023 Catalog)**

|  | <b>Capitalism Studies with History</b>   | <b>Film &amp; Media Production with Communication Studies</b>  | <b>Gerontology with Psychology</b>   | <b>Health &amp; Medical Humanities with Anthropology</b>   | <b>Women's and Gender Studies with Sociology</b>  |
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| Foundations  | CAPI 1501 Capitalism in Global Perspective OR CAPI 1512 Capitalism in the USA and Beyond; HIST 1502 Issues in Global History   | FILM 1502 Introduction to Film and Media Studies; COMM 1101 Public Speaking  | GRNT 2100 Aging and the Lifecourse; PSYC 1101 General Psychology   | HHUM 2100 Introduction to Health & Medical Humanities; ANTH 1501 Global Social Science Anthropology  | WGST 1502 Intro to Gender Activism and Equity OR WGST 1512 Intro to Gender Equity in the US; SOCY 1101 Introduction to Sociology                    |
| Research methods                                       | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods   | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods   | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods   | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods   | IDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Research Methods  |
| Interdisciplinary concentration (remaining coursework) | Required: ECON 1501 Economics of Global Issues OR ECON 2101 Principles of Economics-Macro<br><br>Electives: GEOG 3105 Geography of the Global Economy; INTL 3151 International Political Economy | Required: FILM 3120 Fundamentals of Film/Media Production; FILM 3220 Introduction to Screenwriting<br><br>Electives: FILM 3051 Community-Based Film Production; FILM 4120 Production and Directing                     | Primary electives: GRNT 3115 Health and the Aging Process; GRNT 4250 Aging Programs and Services<br><br>Secondary electives: GRNT 3132 Aging and Culture; GRNT 3267 Sociology of Dying, Death, and Bereavement                     | AFRS 2170 Health and Environment in the Africana World; HIST 2140 Disease and Medicine in History; SOCY 2169 Sociology of Health and Illness                                   | Required: WGST 3220 Feminist Thought<br><br>Electives: WGST 3231 Women in Business; COMM 2110 Women and the Media                                   |
| Disciplinary depth coursework (remaining)              | HIST 2101 American Business History; HIST 3154 Globalization in African History; HIST 3177 The Cuban Revolution; HIST 3255 Democracy in America; HIST 3270 History of Capitalism in the U.S.     | COMM 2100 Intro to Communication Theory; COMM 2107 Interpersonal Communication; COMM 3120 Communication and Mass Media; COMM 3052 Topics in Media & Technology Studies; COMM 3130 Rhetoric, Culture, and Social Change | PSYC 2130 Introduction to Social Psychology; PSYC 2113 Introduction to Brain and Behavior; PSYC 2124 Psychology of Adult Development and Aging; PSYC 3111 Psychology of Learning and Memory; PSYC 3125 Older worker and Retirement | ANTH 2171 Action, Justice, and Change; ANTH 3125 Food and Globalization; ANTH 3127 Anthropology of Violence; ANTH 3141 Human Osteology; ANTH 3222 Culture, Health, and Disease | SOCY 2112 Popular Culture; SOCY 2163 Sociology of Gender; SOCY 3143 Social Movements; SOCY 3325 Community and Identity; SOCY 4112 Sociology of Work |
| Capstone/practicum                                     | CAPI 4050 Capstone in Capitalism Studies   | FILM 4690 Capstone in Film and Media Production  | GRNT 3600 Senior Seminar and Field Placement   | HHUM 4800 Health & Medical Humanities Portfolio Capstone   | WGST 4601 Senior Colloquium OR WGST 4401 Internship in Women's Studies  |