

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDS)

IDS201 Exploring Interdisciplinary Studies (3.0 Credits)

A study of the intersection of perspectives from multiple fields culminating in an interdisciplinary research paper. The course enables students to recognize and analyze works in various disciplines and to understand and appreciate the role that they play in human culture. Students explore interdisciplinarity as it relates to careers. Another course may be substituted with approval.

IDS250 Introduction to African American Studies (3.0 Credits)

This course will provide students with a comprehensive overview of the African American experience – from the Middle Passage/enslavement period through the 21st century. Using various texts and other media sources, we will engage in dialogue on race, ethnicity, and nationality and how it affects the Black community in the United States. We will explore the relationship between “African American” and “Black” identity and the controversy around the interchangeable use of the terms. The students will also learn about the founding of several organizations (e.g., NAACP, SNCC, SCLC, Jack and Jill of America, Black Panther Party, etc.) and their role in constructing the African American experience. Finally, we will examine the movements that shaped Black America (e.g., Black/Afro-American studies protests, the civil rights movement, the Black liberation movement, #BlackLivesMatter, etc.)

Prerequisite(s): EN111 or EN221, SO101, PS111 or PS113, or permission of instructor.

IDS401 Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies (3.0 Credits)

An in-depth study and application of interdisciplinary concepts and skills. Students are expected to actively engage with the material, write and present an extended research paper, and use the class meetings as a forum for thought-provoking conversation and inquiry. A career component prepares graduates to communicate their unique skillsets to prospective employers. Another research-based course may be substituted with approval.

IDS405 Special Studies (3.0 Credits)

An in-depth program of study based on a specific area of interest or an interdisciplinary investigation under the direction of a faculty member. Intended for the advanced student in the interdisciplinary studies program. May be offered at the will of the instructor or by application. Course may be taken for 1-3 credits. This course is repeatable as long as the topics are not the same.