

## Interdisciplinary Studies / Option 1: Two Fields (minor plus one field)

There are two options available for the Interdisciplinary Studies major, see below.\*

FRESHMAN YEAR		SOPHOMORE YEAR	
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>
ENGL 1100	Writing I.....(3)	Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)	
FYE 1000	First Year Experience Seminar.....(3)	Course in Field 2.....(3)	
	LA&S – Math Elective.....(3)	Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>	
	LA&S – Health and Fitness.....(3)	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)	
	LA&S Elective.....(3)	LA&S Elective.....(3)	
		IDIS Elective.....(3)	
<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>
IDIS 1600	Critical & Creative Thinking.....(3)	Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)	
ENGL 1200	Writing II.....(3)	Course in Field 2.....(3)	
	Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)	Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>	
	Course in Field 2.....(3)	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)	
	LA&S Elective.....(3)	IDIS Elective.....(3)	
		Free Elective.....(3)	
JUNIOR YEAR		SENIOR YEAR	
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>
	Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)	IDIS 3004	IDIS Research Seminar.....(3)
	Course in Field 2.....(3)		Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)
	LA&S Elective.....(3)		Course in Field 2.....(3)
	LA&S Elective.....(3)		LA&S Elective.....(3)
	Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>		Free Elective.....(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>15 Credits</b>	IDIS 4004	Capstone seminar.....(3)
	Course in Field 1 (Minor).....(3)		Free elective.....(3)
	Course in Field 2.....(3)		Free elective.....(3)
	Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>		Free elective.....(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)		Free elective.....(3)
	LA&S Elective.....(3)		
	Free Elective.....(3)		

**NOTE: Advanced LA&S Options Area** — Review the three options with your advisor, and submit your decision to the Registrar’s office by completion of 60 credits.

**\*Students will consult with academic advisor about field choices. The advisor will file curriculum with Registrar.**

**Option 1: TWO FIELDS** - Consists in a university approved minor, plus a field of six courses in one discipline, with 50% of the field courses at the 2000 level or above.

**OR Option 2: THREE FIELDS** (see separate four-year plan of study) - Consists in a university approved minor, plus two fields of four courses, each field having one discipline, with 50% of each field’s courses at the 2000 level or above.

**IDIS Elective List**

Choose two electives from the following list: AMST 1800, ARAB 2030, ART 2150, GEOG 1100, GEOG/HIST 2056, IDIS 1000, IDIS 1002, IDIS 1200, IDIS 1800, IDIS 1900, IDIS 2100, IDIS 2540, ITAL 2500, ITAL 3000, ITAL 3100, ITAL 3300, MUSC 2000, MUSC 2100, MUSC 2120, MUSC 2130, MUSC 2210, MUSC 3750, MUSC 3760, PHIL 2001, PHIL 2600, PSY 3010, PSY 3050.

**Global Diversity Area**

Two courses taken must meet the Global Diversity requirement: GDAN course + (GDC or GDCN course) **OR** GDCN course + (GDA or GDAN course). These courses are allowed to satisfy this requirement and another requirement at the same time.

**Completion of 120 credits required for graduation.**

**LA&S Elective List**

- 1 AOM attribute <sup>(AOM)</sup>
- 1 ART attribute <sup>(the Arts)</sup>
- 1 CTW attribute <sup>(Citizenship & the World)</sup>
- 1 HIST attribute <sup>(History)</sup>
- 1 HMN attribute <sup>(Human Behavior)</sup>
- 1 LAB attribute <sup>(Lab Science)</sup>
- 1 LIT attribute <sup>(Literature)</sup>
- 1 SMT attribute <sup>(Science, Math & Technology)</sup>

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*If you want to design a personalized degree program that is relevant to your interests and goals, Fitchburg State University has the program you need. An **Interdisciplinary Studies (IDIS)** degree prepares students to understand the world and become problem solvers by combining methods from various fields.*

### Interdisciplinary Studies at a Glance

Full-time faculty from multiple academic disciplines with dedicated advisors for each minor

3 concentrations • 13 minors

A flexible degree program which enables motivated students to design a major that directly reflects their own personal, educational and professional goals.

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judgments and to be innovative—to generate new ideas and synthesize information in original ways

- Building of global-minded thought processes and flexible lenses through which to address issues and challenges
- Establishment of the ability to express empathy and respect in individual and professional interactions, allowing for caring and ethical contributions to our diverse and interconnected society

### How will you engage/what will you do as a student of interdisciplinary studies?

- Design and carry out research and creative projects that reflect individualized visions and professional goals
- Define goals and co-create curriculum that leads to advancement in life and career
- Apply learning in real-world settings as diverse as the available fields of study

### Are there opportunities for involvement outside the classroom?

- Musical performance organizations including Chorus, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra
- Visual Arts exhibitions in both the Fitchburg State Gallery and the Fitchburg Art Museum

### What can you do with a Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies?

- A broad spectrum of career opportunities dependent upon the individualized curriculum chosen
- Graduate studies in line with individualized curriculum (law school, master of arts in education, master of fine arts in art & graphic design, etc.)

### Why pursue Interdisciplinary Studies at Fitchburg State?

- University focus on teaching
- Small class sizes
- Courses taught by full-time faculty experts
- Individualized attention
- Wide variety of course offerings rivaling much larger universities while maintaining low student-to-faculty ratios

### What makes the program distinctive?

- Acquisition of knowledge about a range of fields that help students navigate through complex challenges in their lives and in their communities along with a deeper knowledge about 2-3 specific, chosen fields of personal relevance
- Development of critical thinking/analysis skills allowing students to make intelligent, informed

