



**Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bachelor of Science  
Bachelor of Arts  
Traditional**

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The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows students to pursue a combination of academic coursework not available through a traditional major. Through Interdisciplinary Studies, students are provided opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in disciplines of special interest. This “major” combines courses that are currently available across disciplines and organizes them into distinctive individualized programs of study. This option allows for creation of programs that best suit a student’s needs, interests, and career objectives. A student’s Interdisciplinary major will be either a B.A. or a B.S. depending on the academic content of the program of study.

**Academic Advising for the Interdisciplinary Studies Program**

Students interested in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program should contact Dr. Katherine Vande Brake, the advisor for IDST. Together student and advisor will develop a plan of study that will be used to determine compliance for degree requirements and sequence of courses. The plan will be approved by Dr. Vande Brake and also by the program coordinators in the identified academic disciplines before it is filed with the Office of Registration and Records.

To qualify for admission to the program, an applicant will submit:

1. A résumé and a statement outlining academic or professional aspirations and rationale for a specialized program to Dr. Katherine Vande Brake
2. A proposal that lists the academic disciplines the student wants to pursue.

**Interdisciplinary Studies Major Requirements**

1. Completion of pre-approved coursework in two or three academic disciplines:
  - a. A major shall consist of a minimum of 48 hours with no less than 24 hours in one discipline and remaining hours in another discipline or disciplines.
  - b. The remainder of hours required for graduation will be completed in pre-approved courses that are categorized as general education, a minor, a concentration, or electives.
2. At least 28 hours from the academic disciplines in the major must be taken at or above the 3000 level.
3. At least 30 hours of coursework in the Interdisciplinary Studies program must be completed at King following admission to the program.
4. Seventy-five percent of each discipline must be completed at King.
5. A student cannot minor in either the primary or secondary discipline.

**Student Learning Outcomes for Interdisciplinary Studies**

1. Students’ comprehensive assessment portfolio discipline-specific artifacts will demonstrate impeccable citation and documentation of sources in academic writing formats appropriate to their chosen disciplines.
2. Students’ *Cultural Transformation Essays* in their comprehensive assessment portfolios will demonstrate their ability to articulate how their studies at King

University have enabled them to both write about and enact the connections of their academic work to the King missions statement’s emphasis on “transformation of culture in Christ.”

**Comprehensive Assessment for Interdisciplinary Studies**

Students will complete a portfolio to demonstrate their knowledge and skills before graduation. Program coordinators in the academic disciplines can designate readers who are subject-matter experts to evaluate the portfolio. The IDST Program Coordinator communicates results to the Office of Registration and Records.

**Summary of Total Credits for Traditional Students**

Core Curriculum .....	42 s.h.
Major Requirements .....	48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major:.....	<u>34 s.h.</u>
<b>Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.....</b>	<b>124 s.h.</b>