



Bachelor of Arts

# Interdisciplinary Studies

• CIP code 300000 • 120 credits

## Program Description

The baccalaureate program in Interdisciplinary Studies at Cambridge College integrates critical inquiry, multiple perspectives, ethical awareness of socio-cultural power structures, and metacognition in order to prepare students for both professional positions and/or graduate study. Curriculum emphasizes a practical approach, with courses that build academic skills and broad-based knowledge across the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Upon completion, students will be able to employ multiple disciplines to deepen their understanding of the world and their capacity to explain, problem-solve, and create. The program is very flexible, supporting each student's interests with a wide selection of courses and professional concentrations.

## Program Outcomes

- Generate ideas and questions through critical inquiry and from multiple perspectives
- Apply two or more disciplinary-based perspectives to contemporary concerns
- Assess ethical issues in socio-cultural power-structures
- Direct own learning using metacognitive strategies

## Careers and Further Study

Students will acquire a vocabulary in concepts and methods of interdisciplinary thinking, and will gain the skills necessary to navigate and manage complex systems and ideas, obtain fulfilling employment, and compete in the working world. Students will develop flexible thinking, strategies for learning and problem-solving, and excellent communication skills. With these transferrable skills and broad-based knowledge across disciplines, our graduates will be equipped to take on new and unforeseen challenges in a fast-paced and quickly changing world. Our graduates go on to a wide variety of careers, often working in schools, community organizations and services, government agencies, and businesses. Many continue on to graduate study in fields ranging from education to law to business management.

## General Education ..... 42 credits

LRN 175	Principles & Processes of Adult Learning	3
WRT 101	College Writing I	3
CTH 225	Foundations of Critical Thinking	3
MAT 101	College Math I	3
CMP 130	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
CMP 230	Digital Literacy	3
WRT 102	College Writing II	3
MAT 102	College Math II	3

WRT 101-102 and MAT 101-102 may be waived if equivalent courses have been accepted in transfer. Credits will be replaced with open electives. WRT 201 required if both WRT 101-102 are waived; not required for students completing WRT 101-102 at Cambridge. WRT 090 and MAT 100 required if assessment indicates need.

<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b>	6
<b>Natural &amp; Physical Sciences</b>	6
<b>Social Sciences</b>	6

## Open Electives ..... 36 credits

Choose electives and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

## Interdisciplinary Studies Major ..... 42 credits

IDS 200	Foundations of Interdisciplinary Studies	3
IDS 300	Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies	3

Upper level courses (300 level and above) distributed by discipline:

<b>Art, Literature, or History</b>	6
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>	3
<b>Sociology or Psychology</b>	6
<b>Natural or Physical Sciences</b>	6

## Electives in Interdisciplinary Studies or other ..... 12

### Capstone

IDS 490	Action Research Capstone	3
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**Degree completion:** General education requirements may be satisfied by an associate's degree or 60 credits of prior courses that meet all general criteria for transfer; up to 90 credits may be accepted.