Nebraska Wesleyan University

Interdisciplinary Studies

Catalog

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About the Program

Interdisciplinary Studies houses programs and courses that do not directly fall under the purview of a regular College of Liberal Arts and Sciences department or established major program. Listed are interdisciplinary/interdepartmental minors, as well as courses that have the IDS prefix. For additional information about specific interdisciplinary programs, contact the appropriate coordinator listed or the Academic Affairs Office or Registrar's Office.

Majors, Minors & Degrees

Minors

1. American Minority Studies
2. Environmental Studies
3. Family Studies
4. Gender Studies
5. International Affairs
6. Legal Studies
7. Peace and Justice Studies

Courses

IDS 001 The Liberal Arts Seminar

3 hours

The Liberal Arts Seminar is a course designed to introduce first year students to the intellectual practices that must be cultivated and routinely exercised to make the most of a liberal education. Through a topic of intrinsic interest, students will practice and develop their capacity for critical and analytical thought, their ability to conduct and report research on a given topic, and their ability to collaborate in solving problems. In addition, students will exercise their ability to express themselves orally and in writing. The instructor/advisor will help students become independent learners who understand the intent of Nebraska Wesleyan's general education program.

No Pass/Fail.

Students who fail IDS 001 (Liberal Arts Seminar) the first time they take it must, in the following semester, re-take IDS 001 and take IDS 010 Academic Success Seminar as a co-requisite. Students who have already taken and passed the Academic Success Seminar may schedule regular meetings with the Academic Achievement Specialist instead of re-taking the course. Any students who fail the Liberal Arts Seminar twice will retain the F on their transcripts, and the IDS 001 requirement will then be waived.

IDS 010 Academic Success Seminar

2 hours

This course assists students in developing skills for greater success in college and in life. The course makes students more aware of their learning preferences and ways to build upon them for college success. Students are offered proven strategies for creating greater academic, professional, and personal success.

(Normally offered each semester.)

IDS 100 National Prestige Scholarships

1 hour

This course prepares students to apply for National Prestige Scholarships such as Fulbright, Rotary, Critical Language, Goldwater, etc. Course work includes assignments such as writing and revising personal statements and research proposals and participating in mock interviews.

Pass/Fail only.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of the instructor.

IDS 150 Urban Diversity

3-4 hours

This course introduces students to the major institutions, ethnic communities, and systems of Chicago. Students interact with community organizers, performers, political leaders, and business owners. Students visit neighborhoods, encounter the vast diversity of the city, and experience the connection between world events and urban living.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture Faculty Liaison.

(4 hours - fall or spring semester 3 hours - summer or winter)

IDS 170 Education Abroad

12 hours

Students participating in approved programs abroad enroll in IDS 170 Education Abroad to maintain continuing student status and advance enrollment for the following semester. As official records are received, final determination of credit is made, and course titles, credits, and grades are posted on the permanent transcript in lieu of IDS 170 Education Abroad. May be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Director of International Education.

IDS 170E Study Abroad-Exchange Program

12 hours

Students participating in approved exchange programs abroad enroll in IDS 170E Study Abroad-Exchange Program to maintain continuing student status and advance enrollment for the following semester. As official records are received, final determination of credit is made, and course titles, credits, and grades are posted on the permanent transcript in lieu of IDS 170E Study Abroad-Exchange Program. May be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Director of International Education.

IDS 170N Study Abroad-Nonexchange

12 hours

Students participating in approved non-exchange programs abroad enroll in IDS 170N Study Abroad-Nonexchange to maintain continuing student status and advance enrollment for the following semester. As official records are received, final determination of credit is made, and course titles, credits, and grades are posted on the permanent transcript in lieu of IDS 170N Study Abroad-Nonexchange. May be repeated. Students pay an administrative fee.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Director of International Education.

IDS 190 Selected Topic

1-5 hours

A course designed to treat subject matter not covered in other standard courses or to provide study of subject matter introduced in other courses. The title, content, and credit hours will be determined by current mutual interests of faculty and students.

IDS 196 Special Projects

1-15 hours

Supervised work on an approved project involving subject matter not included in any of the standard courses. Projects are normally developed individually, but may be arranged for organized groups. Registration should designate the area of work.

IDS 200 Student-Faculty Collaborative Research

0 hours

For grant recipients of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Student-Faculty Collaboration Research Fund for scholarship or research in collaboration with, or mentored by, faculty. Students carry out active, experiential learning appropriate to the students' disciplines and present the results of their projects in a university-wide local research symposium.

Pass/Fail only.

A course fee will be assessed.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Committee.

IDS 290 Selected Topic

1-5 hours

A course designed to treat subject matter not covered in other standard courses or to provide advanced study of subject matter introduced in other courses. The title, content, and credit hours will be determined by current mutual interests of faculty and students.

IDS 293 Liberal Arts Seminar Student Instructors

3 hours

Student instructors work closely with faculty instructors in the Liberal Arts Seminars planning seminar sessions, facilitating class discussion, and responding to seminar assignments. In addition, student instructors will meet as a group to discuss and evaluate their experiences, and to participate in student development activities. Three hours of lecture per week (the meeting of the Liberal Arts Seminar). One hour of discussion per week or as needed.

Pass/Fail only.

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours.

Prerequisite(s): Selection as a student instructor for a Liberal Arts Seminar (approved by the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and junior or senior standing.

IDS 296 Special Projects

1-15 hours

Supervised work on an approved project involving subject matter not included in any of the standard courses. Projects are normally developed individually but may be developed in organized groups. Registration should designate the area of work.

IDS 500 Student-Faculty Collaborative Research

0 hours

For grant recipients of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Student-Faculty Collaboration Research Fund for scholarship or research in collaboration with, or mentored by, faculty. Students carry out active, experiential learning appropriate to the students' disciplines and present the results of their projects in a university-wide local research symposium.

Pass/Fail only. A course fee will be assessed.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Committee.