



Interdisciplinary Studies

The courses and programs offered by Interdisciplinary Studies combine various academic disciplines to provide students with stimulating learning opportunities.

Interdisciplinary Studies students will deepen and refine their critical thinking abilities, increase their written and verbal communication skills, and broaden their cultural experiences and global awareness.

Programs Offered

Minor in:

- American Indian Studies
- American Studies
- Cinema Studies
- Classical Studies
- Deaf Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- Peace and Justice Studies
- Religious Studies

American Indian Studies

The American Indian Studies minor provides students with experiences, skills, and strategies to understand the scope of American indigenous communities within scholarly and applied contexts. After completion of the minor, graduates will have an academic background that will prepare them for employment in tribal governments, and other Indian organizations, government agencies which serve Indian tribes and organizations, and private sector enterprises.

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American Studies *

American Studies is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of American cultures. Through examination of various literary and cultural texts, students will explore how Americans create meaning in their lives and make sense of the world in which they live.

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Cinema Studies *

The Cinema Studies minor focuses on movies as cultural texts and is designed to provide students with an understanding of the social, political, historical, and industrial contexts that produce cinema. The Cinema Studies minor provides a program for students who are interested in career paths that require a sophisticated understanding of media culture.

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Classical Studies *

The Classical Studies minor focuses on the language, literature, history, philosophy, religion, art, and culture of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. The Classical Studies minor provides a program for students who are interested in understanding ancient cultures and their relationship to modern cultures.

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Deaf Studies

Deaf Studies students will examine elements of what Deaf people in America have traditionally called “the Deaf-World” with special attention to the framework of meaning from within which Deaf people interpret what it means to be Deaf.

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Environmental Studies *

Environmental Studies challenges students to examine both the ecological and social underpinnings of environmental issues and the interplay between natural and social systems. Since humans are integral parts of ecological systems, an understanding of the biosphere must include studies in both the humanities and natural sciences. A Minor in Environmental Studies is useful for students seeking academic or professional paths in public policy on the environment.

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Gender Studies *

The Gender Studies minor allows students to study the extent to which gender and gender relations are socially influenced. Students will examine the ways in which conceptions of masculinity and femininity directly impact social and political institutions and practices, cultural expressions, law, education, business, scientific inquiry, interpersonal relations, sexuality, and family.

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Peace and Justice Studies *

Peace and Justice Studies takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of phenomena related to violence/nonviolence and injustice/justice. Peace and nonviolence are investigated from the realms of the personal and familial to international conventions and institutions. Likewise, justice and injustice are examined across the same range of inquiry.

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Religious Studies *

The Religious Studies minor includes the study of the history, theology, literature, folklore, etc. of various religions in an effort to understand religion as a cultural phenomenon. The program is intended to serve our students and community by deepening our understanding of religious beliefs and practices in a spirit of open inquiry.

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