

College of Arts and Sciences

Interdisciplinary Minor

General Information Packet and Application

- Purpose:** To provide educational opportunities not currently available, allowing students maximum flexibility in developing a course of study appropriate to their goals by selecting courses for the minor from several departments/schools and even from several colleges at the university.
- Program:** Students must propose their interdisciplinary minor of 15-18 semester hours in the context of their entire degree program for approval by the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Council of the College of Arts and Sciences, which is responsible for the oversight of interdisciplinary studies in the College. The proposed interdisciplinary minor can not duplicate a program currently available under the existing disciplinary degrees.
- Administration:** A Director, who is a member of the Dean's staff, administers the interdisciplinary minor at the College level. The Director will be assisted by the Faculty Advisory Council, which will review proposals and application and make recommendations to the Director. There is an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Assistance to assist students in this process.

Admission Requirements:

1. **Matriculation at Georgia State University in the College of Arts and Sciences.**
2. **A cumulative GSU grade point average of 2.0.**
3. **A formal application to include: (a) the application form (b) minor program plan form (c) copy of the student's academic evaluation. For Student-Planned program applications, please include a written statement that articulates a reasonable and educationally justifiable course of study.** Students applying to a College-Planned Interdisciplinary Minor (Arts Administration-Speech/Theatre, Asian Studies, Classical Studies, Community Studies, Environmental Science, International Studies, Language Studies, Law and Society, Middle-East Studies, Advanced Leadership and Management, Gerontology, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, or Language Studies) are not required to submit a statement justifying course selection and goals of the program because the program goals and guidelines are already established. The faculty advisor must sign the application and minor program plan forms. Formal acceptance into the program by the Council is required.

Restrictions:

1. All courses included in the interdisciplinary minor must be at the 3000 level or above (with the exception of certain College-Planned Interdisciplinary Minors, which have specific lower level courses approved by the B.I.S. Advisory Council).
2. No more than 6 semester hours may be taken in any single discipline.
3. The program faculty advisor may approve up to six semester hours of substitutions in the minor without formal review of the substitutions by the B.I.S. Advisory Council. The substitutions must be provided in writing from the faculty advisor to the academic advisor in the Office of Academic Assistance.
4. Courses cannot be selected from the student's major area.
5. A grade of "C" or better is required in all minor courses.
6. At least fifty percent of the minor must be completed after the semester in which the B.I.S. Advisory Council has approved the minor program plan.

*Before you begin the B.I.S. process, it is **HIGHLY** recommended that you meet with the academic advisor in the Office of Academic Assistance to discuss the proposal.*

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Interdisciplinary Minor Program Plan

Area H: Minor Program (15-18 semester hours) Title: _____

****MUST BE 3000-4000 LEVEL COURSES & NO MORE THAN 6-8 HOURS FROM ANY SINGLE DISCIPLINE****

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours	Term Taken	Grade	Line #
						1.
						2.
						3.
						4.
						5.
						6.

APPROVED SUBSTITUTIONS

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours	Term Taken	Grade	Line #

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

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B.I.S. Advisory Council Program Director:

Signature _____ Date: _____

Approved Disapproved

Remarks _____
