

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR**  
**2003-2005 CATALOG UPDATE**  
**Changes effective 2004-2005**

Students who enroll at Truman will not be guaranteed the opportunity to major in Interdisciplinary Studies. The program is intended for students with strong academic records, high motivation, a clear sense of direction, and the desire to design a challenging academic program. Accordingly, students who wish to pursue this degree must apply for admission into the program. A faculty oversight committee and the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies will use the following guidelines to identify successful applicants:

- a. Students must complete one year of classes at Truman as full-time students before they can apply to the program; transfer students with 60 or more hours may apply to the program after one semester at Truman as full-time students.
- b. Students must have a Truman GPA of at least 2.80.
- c. Students must propose an individualized curriculum plan that is commensurate with the philosophy, focus, intentions, size, and rigor of other Truman major curricula.
- d. Students must submit a written statement identifying their academic goals and the course of study they wish to pursue in Interdisciplinary Studies. In some cases, the faculty oversight committee may require additional supporting documentation or an interview with a candidate.
- e. Students must complete at least 50 credit hours taken in semesters that begin after their program of study is approved.

**B.A. or B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies**

All patterns of the major will require a minimum of 36 credit hours. Of the 36, 27 credit hours must be at the 300 level or higher. All students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies are required to take the following two courses:

IDS 175 New Major Seminar	3 hours
IDS 475 Capstone Seminar	3 hours

The remaining courses will vary for each student. See the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies for sample programs.