

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

To obtain a B.S. with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies, a student must fulfill university, college, and program requirements. As an interdisciplinary major of at least 50 hours, this major meets the College breadth requirement. Other hour requirements follow:

- 46 hours of University General Education courses
Most majors do not complete 46 hours of coursework solely for the purpose of meeting University General Education requirements. Instead they select courses that meet multiple requirements.
- 15 hours cognate coursework
- 50 hours of major courses
- At least 9 hours of electives

TOTAL HOURS: 120

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
INDS 1000	INTRODUCTION TO INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3
INDS 4950	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: CAPSTONE COURSE	3
One approved research course		3-4
Approved courses include but are not limited to the following:		
BSAD 3160	MANAGERIAL STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS (4 credit hours)	
CRCJ 2510	RESEARCH METHODS	
CRCJ/SOWK/PA 3000	APPLIED STATISTICS AND DATA PROCESSING IN PUBLIC SECTOR	
PSCI 2000	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING	
PSCI 3000	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	
PSYC 3130	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	
SOC 2130	SOCIAL STATISTICS	
SOC 3510	RESEARCH METHODS	
STAT 1530	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
STAT 3000	STATISTICAL METHODS I	

Elective hours to be determined in consultation with the advisor 5-11

Integrative or Individualized Studies Concentration 30-36

Optional

This academic plan may include one or more semesters of study abroad, or internships, if appropriate.

Total Hours 50-51

Concentration in Exploratory Studies

If you are a first-year student with fewer than 45 credits who has not declared a major or been admitted to the major of your choice, you will be admitted to Exploratory Studies. In this concentration, you will enjoy an immediate academic home that allows you to explore different disciplines and programs by taking Exploratory Studies 1000, designed to give you knowledge about various majors and minors at UNO, as well as enroll in general education courses that help you explore a best-fit major while satisfying your general education requirements. You will engage in cross-curricular academic advising, career assessment, guided exploration of

majors and careers, mentoring, and programming designed to provide you the support you need as you figure out your best-fit major. You will have the opportunity to interact with advisors, faculty, peer mentors, and professionals from different fields in order to discover your passions and make an informed decision on a major. Exploratory Studies majors are required to declare a major within their first 45 credit hours in any college, which includes the option to switch to either the Integrative Studies or Individualized Studies concentrations in Interdisciplinary Studies (see below).

Course Requirement

Code	Title	Credits
EXPL 1000	EXPLORATORY STUDIES	3

Concentration in Individualized Studies

This academic plan allows you to create your own major through individual, complementary courses. Your plan must include a total of at least 18 credits of upper-division coursework and 36 total credits from any academic programs in the university to build content knowledge in specific areas of focus. Students must draft an intentional plan of study with the Interdisciplinary Studies advisor before being eligible to declare the Individualized concentration.

Concentration in Integrative Studies

This academic plan allows you to create your own major by combining established minor programs of study. Your plan must include two minors (<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/academics/minors-at-uno.php>) (or more, depending on the student's interest) from any academic program in the university to build content knowledge in specific areas of focus. Students must complete all requirements of each minor program of study, with at least 18 credit hours coming from upper-division courses.

Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies – Individualized Studies concentration

Freshman

		Credits
Fall		
INDS 1000	INTRODUCTION TO INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*)	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
	or CMST 2120 or ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
Humanities/Fine Arts – Add Global Diversity		3
Social Science		3

*ENGL 1150: Appropriate English placement required.

Note: Social Science, Humanities/Fine Arts, and Natural/Physical Sciences should be used for focus area exploration. When a student knows what disciplines they will be studying, they should take the introductory class to the discipline, if offered as a Social Science, Humanities/Fine Arts, and/or Natural/Physical Sciences gen ed in order to avoid prerequisite delays.

	Credits	15
Spring		
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy*		3-4
Humanities/Fine Arts – Add U.S. Diversity**		3
Natural/Physical Science without lab		3
Social Science – Add U.S. Diversity**		3

*It is generally recommended students take MATH 1300. The student should talk with an advisor before enrolling in an alternative Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy class to ensure the necessary class is taken for their intended focus areas.

** Humanities/Fine Arts class #2 and/or Social Science #3 can also complete U.S. Diversity requirement

** Social Science #3 must be from 2nd discipline.

Credits		15-16
Sophomore		
Fall		
Humanities/Fine Arts #3 *	3	
Major course	3	
Major course	3	
Major course	3	
Natural/Physical Science with lab**	4	
*Humanities/Fine Arts class #3 must come from 2nd discipline.		
** NPS with Lab course must come from 2nd discipline.		
Credits		16

Spring		
Major course	3	
Cognate course	3	
Upper-division major course	3	
Upper-division major course	3	
Elective	3	
Credits		15

Junior		
Fall		
Cognate course*	3	
Major course	3	
Major course	3	
Approved Research Course**	3	
Elective	3	
*Fifteen hours of Cognate courses are required for the Bachelor of Science degree and should be taken in one discipline that the student is not already studying. Cognates should be approved by the major advisor.		
**Students should take a Research class that best fits their chosen areas of study. STEM and Social Science Statistic/Research courses have a mathematics/quantitative literacy prerequisite. Humanities Research courses generally have a composition prerequisite. Meet with an advisor for options.		
Credits		15

Spring		
Upper-division major course	3	
Upper-division major course	3	
Major course	3	
Cognate course	3	
Cognate course	3	
Credits		15

Senior		
Fall		
Upper-division major course	3	
Upper-division major course	3	
Major course	3	
Additional Major course or Elective	3	
Writing in the Discipline Course*	3	

*Requires ENGL 1160.

Credits		15
Spring		
INDS 4950	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: CAPSTONE COURSE (*)	3
Cognate course		3
Diversity requirement class or Elective		3
Additional major course or Elective		3
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*INDS 4950: Senior status and permission of instructor is required		
Note: If U.S. Diversity or Global Diversity University requirements have not been met, the student should take a class that fulfills the missing requirement(s).		
If below 120 earned credits, the student should take additional classes in a focus area, cognate area, or University elective.		
Credits		15
Total Credits		121-122

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an Interdisciplinary Studies advisor for further guidance.

This plan is not a contract and curriculum is subject to change

Additional Information About this Plan:

University Degree Requirements:

The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams:

For Math, English, Foreign Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at <https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php>

**Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study

Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies – Integrative Studies Concentration

Freshman		Credits
Fall		
INDS 1000	INTRODUCTION TO INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*)	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
or CMST 2120	or ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
Humanities/Fine Arts #1**		3
Social Science #2**		3
*ENGL 1150 requires appropriate English placement.		

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	Credits	15
Spring		
ENGL 1160 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3	
Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy*	3-4	
Humanities/Fine Arts #2**	3	
Natural/Physical Science without lab	3	
Social Science #3***	3	

	Credits	15
Spring		
Minor One upper-division course #3	3	
Minor Two upper-division course #3	3	
Minor One upper-division course #4	3	
Cognate course	3	
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** Humanities/Fine Arts class #2 and/or Social Science #2 can also complete Diversity requirements if Diversity requirements are not already met.

***Social Science course #3 must come from 2nd discipline.

	Credits	15
Senior		
Fall		
Minor Two upper-division course #4	3	
Diversity requirement class, Additional minor courses, Minor Three course, or Elective	3	
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Cognate course	3	
Additional minor courses, Minor Three course/ upper-division course, or Elective	3	

Note: If U.S. Diversity or Global Diversity University requirements have not been met, the student should take a class that fulfills the missing requirement(s).

Note: Students may pursue a third minor instead of taking additional courses in their first two minors or electives. If a student plans to select a third minor, they should begin taking courses for the third minor sophomore year to ensure courses will be offered and requirements can be completed.

	Credits	15-16
Sophomore		
Fall		
Minor One course #1	3	
Minor One course #2	3	
Minor Two course #1	3	
Humanities/Fine Arts #3*	3	
Elective	2-3	

	Credits	15
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Spring		
INDS 4950: Senior Capstone*	3	
Additional minor courses, Minor Three upper-division course, or Elective	3	
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Additional minor courses, Minor Three upper-division course, or Elective	3	

*Humanities/Fine Arts class #3 or Social Science #3 can also complete a Diversity requirement if Diversity requirements are not already met. HFA course #3 must come from 2nd discipline.

*Senior status and permission of instructor is required.
Note: If student will have earned fewer than 120 credits by end of semester, they should take additional classes in a focus area or University electives.

	Credits	14-15
Spring		
Minor One upper-division course #1*	3	
Minor Two upper-division course #1*	3	
Minor Two course #2	3	
Natural/Physical Science with lab**	4	
Cognate course	3	

** NPS Course with Lab must be from 2nd discipline.

	Credits	15
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	Credits	16
Junior		
Fall		
Writing in the Discipline Course*	3	
Minor One upper-division course #2	3	
Minor Two upper-division course #2	3	
Approved Research Course**	3	
Cognate course***	3	

*Writing in the Discipline course requires ENGL 1160.

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Total Credits **120-122**

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