

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDIS)

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## **IDIS 101 Academic Exploration (3 crs)**

• *Intended primarily for students who have not yet declared a major.*

Designed to assist students in their journey of determining a major area of study by connecting their interests, talents, and passions with academic offerings at UW-Eau Claire.

Attributes: LE-I1 Integration  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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## **IDIS 125 Brain: Introduction to Neuroscience (4 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: Biology. No credit if taken after BIOL 470, PSYC 375, IDIS 152 when offered as Brain: Introduction to Neuroscience.*

The brain and how it works including sense, movements, emotions, and the malfunctioning brain. Readings in popular publications. Emphasis on understanding how brain function is central to almost everything in day-to-day life.

Attributes: GE IIF Natural Science-Interdisciplinary Studies, Lab Science, LE-K1 Natural Sciences, LE-K1L Natural Sciences with Lab  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 2

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## **IDIS 131 Distance Running for Health and Fitness (2 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: Kinesiology. No credit if taken after KINS 101 or KINS 186 when offered as Distance Running.*

Design and implement a distance running training plan; learn the importance of wellness as related to health, nutrition, goal setting and resilience.

Attributes: Physical Activity, LE-I1 Integration, Field Trip(s) Required  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1  
Lab/Studio Hours: 1

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## **IDIS 151 Interdisciplinary Studies in Communications (1-3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Exploration of topics and issues in the communications field from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IC Communication-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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## **IDIS 152 Interdisciplinary Studies in the Natural Sciences (1-4 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Exploration of topics and issues in the natural sciences from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IIF Natural Science-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits

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## **IDIS 153 Interdisciplinary Studies in the Social Sciences (1-3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Exploration of topics and issues in the social sciences from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IIIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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## **IDIS 154 Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities (1-3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Exploration of topics and issues in the humanities from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IVE Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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## **IDIS 155 Interdisciplinary Studies Across General Education Categories (1-3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Exploration of topics and issues from the perspective of two or more General Education areas: communications, natural sciences, social sciences, and/or humanities.

Attributes: GE V University Wide, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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## **IDIS 173 Introduction to Social Justice (3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences. Enrollment priority given to Social Justice Living-Learning Community members. No credit if taken after IDIS 153, when offered as "Introduction to Social Justice."*

Introduces students to social justice concepts, policies, and perspectives from the standpoint of the social sciences. Addresses equity, diversity and inclusivity issues and social justice struggles and successes in multiple communities and groups.

Attributes: Cultural Diversity 1 cr., GE IIIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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## **IDIS 174 Social Justice in the Humanities (3 crs)**

• *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences. Enrollment priority given to Social Justice Living-Learning Community members. No credit if taken after IDIS 154, when offered as "Social Justice in Film and Music."*

Students will critically engage with and analyze work in the humanities that focuses on communities, groups, and individuals confronting social injustice, along with their struggles and successes when seeking social justice.

Attributes: GE IVE Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 187 Integrative Seminar (1 cr)**

- *Coordinating Department: Academic Affairs. Permission required by Academic Affairs. Must be enrolled in at least one course in relevant learning community.*

Facilitates integration between linked courses in a learning community.

Attributes: GE V University Wide

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 190 Leadership for a Better World (1 cr)**

- *Coordinating Department: Communication and Journalism. Enrollment priority given to Leadership Living-Learning Community members. No credit if credit has been earned in BSAD 191 when offered as Leadership for a Better World.*

This is an experiential course analyzing values of the Social Change Model of Leadership, exploring leadership identity/competencies, personal values, identifying strategies for positive change, and discussing current leadership issues.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 200 Health Humanities (3 crs)**

- *Coordinating Department: History.*

This course explores ideas about health through the perspectives of the humanities. Topics covered include the history of medicine and illness; bioethics; the role of narrative and other representational forms in the experience of illness, and health inequities and their causes.

Attributes: LE-11 Integration, LE-K3 Humanities, Field Trip(s) Required

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 213 Critical Approaches to Information & Research (2 crs)**

- *Coordinating Department: Geography and Anthropology*

Introduces natural and social science students to information literacy and research. Critically evaluates information and how it is generated, disseminated, and filtered.

Attributes: GE V University Wide, LE-11 Integration

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 220 Introduction to Narrative Medicine (3 crs)**

This course introduces students to the field of Narrative Medicine, and builds a foundation in its terminology, philosophy, and application across the medical sciences and medical humanities. Students will engage with fundamental literature within the discipline, literary examples of narrative medicine, as well as texts that expand the field by introducing unique intersections that define and redefine the human body as a social, cultural, and spiritual entity in need of care throughout stages of mortal experience.

Attributes: LE-11 Integration, LE-K3 Humanities

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 230 Experiential Internship (1-3 crs)**

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: Career Services. Must have completed 24 credit hours (or in-progress), and be in good academic standing.*

Provides career-related work that extends learning beyond the classroom. Involves intentional learning and active reflection tied to the student's academic and career interests.

Attributes: Service-Learning Optional, Field Trip(s) Required, Special Course Fee Required

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

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**IDIS 235 Critical Evaluation of Research and Information in CSD (1 cr)**

Prerequisite: Co-requisite: CSD 235

This course will challenge students to ask questions and think critically about information encountered in life and in the CSD major. Students will develop strategies for conducting research focused on the field of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and learn the concepts of media literacy, including identifying misinformation and building fact-checking habits, which will be beneficial throughout their time at the University, in their careers, and as lifelong learners.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0

Lab/Studio Hours: 2

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**IDIS 260 Techniques of the Singing/Speaking Voice (2 crs)**

- *Coordinating Department: Music and Theatre Arts.*

Study of voice techniques and vocal health for the singing and speaking voice.

Attributes: Wellness Theory, GE IVE Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies, LE-S3 Creativity

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 285 Integrating the Social Sciences: The Social Studies (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Limited to Social Studies Teaching, History Emphasis comprehensive majors and Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence majors.

- *Coordinating Department: Education for Equity and Justice.*

This course intends to influence teachers' abilities to understand the nature of the social studies in relation to the integration of the social sciences and the humanities with the goal of influencing civic competence.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 300 Integrated Performing Arts Across the Curriculum (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Minimum sophomore standing or by consent from the instructors

- *Coordinating Department: Music and Theatre Arts*

An introduction to the theories and practices of dance, music, and theatre techniques appropriate for integration across curriculum grades 1-8. Open to all majors.

Attributes: GE IVA Humanities-Fine Arts, LE-I1 Integration

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 301 Exploring Mind/Body Connections (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: PSYC 100 or permission of instructors.

- *Coordinating Department: Nursing*

Examines interactions among biological, psychological, educational, lifestyle, social, and cultural factors associated with health. Emphasis on stress responses that impact etiology and course of health problems, illness prevention and treatment approaches, research-supported health strategies.

Attributes: Wellness Theory, GE IIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 303 Understanding the Arts (3 crs)**

- *Coordinating Department: Music and Theatre Arts.*

This course empowers students to decode the language of the visual and performing arts. Students will consider historical and cultural contexts of works of art and develop aesthetic literacy.

Attributes: LE-K4 Fine Arts

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 310 The Science of Science Fiction (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Minimum sophomore standing.

- *Coordinating Department: Physics and Astronomy.*

Study of science and its popular conceptions and misconceptions, as seen in science fiction literature and film. Emphasis on physics with connections to biology, chemistry, computer science, other sciences, and the humanities.

Attributes: GE IIF Natural Science-Interdisciplinary Studies, LE-K1 Natural Sciences

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 333 Faculty-Led International Immersion Experience (1-3 crs)**

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: Languages. For use only with UWEC FLIIE programs.*

This Faculty-Led International Immersion Experience (FLIIE) course is specifically utilized for any interdisciplinary FLIIE program. This hands-on experiential learning course is not suited for use in the United States or for any other international program aside from the FLIIE international Immersion experience. One, two, or three credits may be assigned to a particular offering.

Attributes: LE-I1 Integration, Service-Learning Variable, Field Trip(s) Required

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

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**IDIS 339 Preparatory Course for the Central European Travel Seminar (3 crs)**

Consent: Instructor Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: History.*

Prepares students for IDIS 340/540, the Central European Travel Seminar held during summer session. Students will study the historical and contemporary perspectives for allied disciplines.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 340 Central European Travel Seminar (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: HIST 280 or ARTH 350, or another spring semester preparatory course in an appropriate department (depending on specific faculty).

- *Coordinating Department: History. Restricted to students participating in INTA 316 Central European Travel Seminar.*

Interdisciplinary summer travel seminar occurring most often in Berlin, Prague, Brno, Vienna, Budapest, and Krakow that builds on groundwork laid in a preparatory spring semester course. Seminar involves advanced on-site study and research across three disciplines.

Attributes: Foreign Culture, GE V University Wide, LE-I1 Integration, LE-R2 Global Perspectives, Undergraduate/Graduate Offering, Field Trip(s) Required, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 351 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in Communications (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Junior standing or lower level course in appropriate field as determined by instructor(s).

- *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Advanced study of topics and issues in the communications field from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IC Communication-Interdisciplinary Studies

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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**IDIS 352 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Natural Sciences (1-4 crs)**

Prerequisite: Junior standing or lower level course in appropriate field as determined by instructor(s).

- *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Advanced study of topics and issues in the natural sciences from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IIF Natural Science-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits

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**IDIS 353 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Junior standing or lower level course in appropriate field as determined by instructor(s).

- *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Advanced study of topics and issues in the social sciences from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IIIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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**IDIS 354 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Junior standing or lower level course in appropriate field as determined by the instructor(s).

- *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Advanced study of topics and issues in the humanities from multiple perspectives.

Attributes: GE IVE Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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**IDIS 355 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies Across General Education Categories (1-3 crs)**

- *Coordinating Department: College of Arts and Sciences.*

Advanced study of topics and issues from the perspective of two or more General Education areas: communications, natural sciences, social sciences, and/or humanities.

Attributes: GE V University Wide, Field Trip(s) Required  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits

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**IDIS 370 Science and Society (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Limited to Organizational Leadership and Communication comprehensive major, Bachelor of Professional Studies degree.

- *Coordinating Department: Biology*

This course examines how science affects our social, cultural, economic, and political lives. Emphasis will be on the ethical, legal, and social issues arising from the knowledge, advancements, applications, and technologies gained from natural sciences.

Attributes: GE IIF Natural Science-Interdisciplinary Studies, BPS Flat Rate Tuition  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 380 McNair Fall Seminar for Juniors (2 crs)**

Prerequisite: Minimum resident and total GPA of 2.75.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: McNair Program Office. Restricted to McNair Scholars.*

Seminar provides an orientation to McNair Program goals and activities, and enhances students' ability to undertake undergraduate research. Course provides an interdisciplinary perspective on the research process for students who desire to become college professors/researchers.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 381 McNair Spring Seminar for Juniors (2 crs)**

Prerequisite: IDIS 380. Resident and total GPA of 2.75.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: McNair Program Office. Restricted to McNair Scholars.*

McNair Scholars refine the scope and design of their research projects, learn about the development of the American research community across the twentieth century, attend research presentations, and begin evaluating prospective graduate institutions and mentors.

Attributes: Field Trip(s) Required  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 387 Advanced Integrative Seminar (1 cr)**

Prerequisite: Minimum sophomore standing.

- *Coordinating Department: Undergraduate Studies. Permission required by Undergraduate Studies. Must be enrolled in at least one course in relevant learning community.*

Facilitates integration between linked courses in a learning community.

Attributes: GE V University Wide  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 398 International Internships (1-6 crs)**

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and meet stated GPA requirement.

Department (Center for International Education) consent required.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: Career Services.*

Virtual or in-person international internship opportunities offered by UW-Eau Claire partners at multiple locations with placement best suited to student's academic and career goals. Internships are unpaid. To apply, contact the Center for International Education.

Attributes: Internship  
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

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**IDIS 410 Arts Administration Seminar (3 crs)**

Consent: Instructor Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: Music and Theatre Arts. Limited to students enrolled in the Arts Administration certificate program or by permission of the instructors.*

An overview of the field of arts administration offering a practical approach examining literature, resources, programs, organizations, and individuals.

Attributes: Capstone Course  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 480 McNair Fall Seminar for Seniors (2 crs)**

Prerequisite: IDIS 381. Minimum resident and total GPA of 2.75.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: McNair Program Office. Restricted to McNair Scholars.*

Scholars prepare and formally present their research findings to academic audiences as journal articles, conference presentations, and posters. They prepare for and take the GRE, and refine and submit application materials to graduate schools.

Attributes: Field Trip(s) Required  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 481 McNair Spring Seminar for Seniors (1 cr)**

Prerequisite: IDIS 480. Minimum resident and total GPA of 2.75.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: McNair Program Office. Restricted to McNair Scholars.*

Seminar focuses on how universities operate and what factors drive academics' careers--tenure and academic freedom, professional ethics, diversity, faculty governance and collegiality, funding agencies/foundations and academic publishing. Also covers graduate school progress/finances.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 539 Preparatory Course for the Central European Travel Seminar (3 crs)**

Consent: Instructor Consent Required

- *Coordinating Department: History.*

Prepares students for IDIS 340/540, the Central European Travel Seminar held during summer session. Students will study the historical and contemporary perspectives for allied disciplines.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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**IDIS 540 Central European Travel Seminar (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: HIST 280 or ARTH 350, or another spring semester preparatory course in an appropriate department (depending on specific faculty).

- *Coordinating Department: History. Dual-listed with IDIS 340. Credit may not earned in both courses. Restricted to students participating in Central European Travel Seminar.*

Interdisciplinary summer travel seminar occurring most often in Berlin, Prague, Brno, Vienna, Budapest, and Krakow that builds on groundwork laid in a preparatory spring semester course. Seminar involves advanced on-site study and research across three disciplines.

Attributes: Field Trip(s) Required, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

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