

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES/CONCENTRATION IN EDUCATION STUDIES

The Interdisciplinary Studies major exposes students to a number of disciplines and academic areas, and emphasizes critique, analysis, evaluation and the development and iterative application of skills in critical thinking, writing, public speaking, data gathering, evaluation and presentation. This type of academic foundation prepares students for virtually any academic path or career of their choosing.

BA in Interdisciplinary Studies/Concentration in Education Studies Program of Study

Students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies/Concentration in Education Studies must meet the following requirements for graduation:

Code	Title	Credits
University Curriculum ¹		46
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum ²		21-24
Interdisciplinary Studies Core Courses		
IDS 200	Rise of Disciplinarity	3
IDS 400	Transdisciplinary Project	3
Concentration Requirements		
ED 220	Introduction to Education Studies	3
ED 380	Research Methods in Education Studies	3
Cross-Disciplinary Study		12
One course (3 cr.) each in English, history, math and science		
Interdisciplinary Study		12
One upper-level course (3 cr.) in each of the following disciplines: English, history, math and science ³		
Free Electives		17
Total Credits		120-123

¹ All students must complete the 46 credits of the University Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/>)

² Students must complete the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum requirements specific to their major. See details below.

³ Course level 200 and above.

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum

The College of Arts and Sciences offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. As the home of the liberal arts at Quinnipiac, CAS encourages students to pursue a balanced program of study across multiple disciplines. In pursuit of that goal, CAS imposes additional requirements beyond the University Curriculum.

All CAS students (both bachelor of science and bachelor of arts) must complete one foreign language through the 102-level. Foreign language classes may also count toward the UC Personal Inquiry II requirement.

Additionally, students earning a bachelor of arts must fulfill separate requirements for breadth and depth of study:

For the breadth requirement, students must complete at least 3 credits in each of the four CAS disciplinary areas other than the area of the student's major. These areas are: fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. For example, a student majoring in political science—a social science discipline—would complete at least 3 credits each in fine arts, humanities and natural science. A course taken to fulfill the CAS breadth requirement may not simultaneously fulfill any UC requirement.

For the depth requirement, students must complete at least 9 credits within a single subject area other than that of the major. (A "subject area" is identified with a catalog subject code, such as PL, CJ, WS, MA, etc.) CAS depth courses may also count toward UC requirements.

Students pursuing a bachelor of science, a double major, or certain accelerated degree programs are exempt from the CAS breadth and depth requirements, but must complete the foreign language requirement.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, all Interdisciplinary Studies majors will be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Core Competence:** Understand the issues relevant to and methodologies appropriate for conducting research and engaging with core issues in their field of concentration.
- Critical Thinking:** Critique and apply appropriate methodology or methodologies in research of a given topic.
- Evaluate Information:** Identify, evaluate and interpret sources of information.
- Analysis:** Analyze data.
- Cognitive Complexity:** Construct an interpretive argument.
- Effective Oral/Written Presentation:** Present facts, analysis and arguments effectively.