COLLABORATIVE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

The Collaborative for Interdisciplinary/Integrative Studies provides students with opportunities—through advising, coursework and fieldwork—to put into practice the relevance and value of the arts and sciences for their everyday lives. The Collaborative oversees the administration of interdisciplinary programs, supports the development of interdisciplinary curricula and initiatives, and promotes collaboration among faculty in teaching and research. It houses the Interdisciplinary Studies major, the Environmental Science major, the Environmental Studies co-major, the Sustainability and Environmental Policy major, the Independent Major, the Independent Minor and eight interdisciplinary minors (Asian Studies, Global Public Health, History and Philosophy of Science, International Studies, Irish Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Sports Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies). In addition, the Collaborative sponsors interdisciplinary initiatives, as well as programs and events that are open to and benefit the entire university community.

The Collaborative for Interdisciplinary/Integrative Studies is a signature program of the College of Arts and Sciences at Quinnipiac University, launched in 2016 with generous support from the Davis Educational Foundation. Its mission is to afford students and faculty opportunities to put into practice the relevance and value of the arts and sciences for their everyday lives. The Collaborative oversees the administration of interdisciplinary programs, supports the development of interdisciplinary curricula and initiatives, and promotes collaboration among faculty in teaching and research.

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Environmental Policy
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science
Independent Major

ED 220. Introduction to Education Studies. 3 Credits.
This course is required for students pursuing an Interdisciplinary Studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Education Studies. The course explores a multidisciplinary understanding of global and American Education. Students consider the role of education in creating a more equitable society by analyzing the policies and philosophies that have shaped and are shaping schooling in the U.S. and throughout the world. Historical changes in education, critical analyses of policy debates in current education, the effects of legal policies in the classroom, the influences of cultural shifts and contemporary issues are all considered. Students also are introduced to basic concepts and terminology in the educational discipline, and develop a critical lens for evaluating educational resources, texts and data. Only IDS majors may register for this course. Students are not allowed to receive credit for more than one of the following courses: ED 220 and ED 260.
Prerequisites: Take ED 140.
Offered: Every year, Spring

ED 380. Research Methods in Education Studies. 3 Credits.
This course is required for students pursuing an Interdisciplinary Studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Education Studies. The course is an upper-level UG education research course, intended to equip students with an understanding of the primary genres of educational research including action research, theoretical/conceptual research, case studies and ethnography. While quantitative inquiry also is addressed in the course, the focus is on qualitative research methods, given their important role and purpose in education. This course serves as an important preparatory course for ED 550, a graduate-level research course required of candidates who choose to pursue an MAT in Elementary or Secondary Education at Quinnipiac.
Prerequisites: Take IDS 200 and ED 220 or ED 260.
Offered: Every year, Fall

IDS 200. Rise of Disciplinarity. 3 Credits.
In this course, students draw on what they have learned in and about academic disciplines up to this point in their studies to explore the foundations and perspectives of traditional academic disciplines. Students evaluate the insights and methods of individual disciplines as they relate to a topic or issue of interest. This course prepares students to apply disciplinary insights, methods and other characteristics from multiple fields to form a more complex understanding of a current topic or issue. Restricted to IDS majors.
Prerequisites: At least junior standing required.
Offered: Every year, Fall and Spring

IDS 400. Transdisciplinary Project. 3 Credits.
This seminar is the capstone course of the Interdisciplinary Studies major. Students design an individual integrative project using a transdisciplinary lens. The project can be creative, empirical, theoretical and/or professionally focused. Restricted to IDS majors.
Prerequisites: Take ED 380. Senior standing and prior completion of research methods component in concentration.
Offered: Every year, Spring