

# B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 75% of graduates

**100%** Secured Employment

**100%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## POPULAR CAREERS

- Attorney
- Child life specialist
- Research associate
- Marketing & public relations
- College professor
- Cultural educator or advocate
- Grant writer or policy analyst
- Human resource manager
- Lobbyist or government official
- Nonprofit administrator
- Public health official
- Youth director or camp director

## POPULAR EMPLOYERS

An interdisciplinary major prepares you to work in every industry and sector. Given your broad skills, you'll be prepared to move fluidly within the labor market and equipped for innumerable career paths.

## POPULAR COMPONENTS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREES

If this program interests you, speak with faculty in departments that appeal to you. The Student Success Center or Registrar's Office can introduce you to professors if you are not sure who to contact.

During these conversations, you will construct the components of your degree together. Typically, exemplary proposals include the following:

- Foundational courses focused on theory and practice
- A writing-intensive course
- Applied learning (i.e., Signature Experience)
- A cumulative capstone project that integrates and showcases your learning

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Given the individualized nature of this degree program, students work closely with their advisors to align Signature Experiences to their interests and future plans. Many students participate in more than one endeavor, especially because their broad intellectual interests or desire for integrative experiences may not be easily captured by a single activity. Contact your advisor to chart a uniquely focused curricular pathway.



## WHY MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES?

In the spirit of the liberal arts tradition, study across the disciplines is at the core of an Augustana education. Thus, every AU student will be empowered to deal with the complex issues and problems facing us from a broad perspective. Many students will experience this by combining multiple majors and minors with their general education; others, however, may wish to explore a customized curriculum based on unique vocational goals or a complex problem we face locally or globally. An interdisciplinary studies major provides the opportunity for highly motivated and independently minded students to craft, in consultation with academic advisors and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, a program of study that integrates multiple disciplines.

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## FIRST YEAR

## MIDDLE YEAR(S)

## LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Verify the accuracy of your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Connect with faculty in the disciplines that interest you to draft your proposal.
- Submit your proposed interdisciplinary plan to the Registrar's Office with faculty signatures.

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in writing-intensive courses, and present your work at the annual research symposium.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete a cumulative project, and showcase your work samples in a portfolio.

### ENGAGE IN VOCATIONAL SERVICES

- Contact the Student Success Center to draft a vocational engagement plan tailored to your goals and interests.
- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus activities and service learning.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs and [augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal](http://augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal).
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

### CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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