

MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LIBERAL ARTS

Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts
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The Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts major is a multipurpose, broad-based B.A. degree program specializing in analytical problem-solving, human and cultural knowledge, innovative thinking, and personal reflection. Our curriculum emphasizes broad intellectual understanding, informed cultural awareness, and spacious interdisciplinary perspective, resulting in a unique and personal academic experience. Students design their own individualized program of study, self-selecting courses from the humanities, social sciences, and the visual-performing arts. Equally, students will accrue career enhancing communication and problem-solving skills essential for success in hundreds of careers awaiting them after graduation. The Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts B.A. degree is purposefully designed to be flexible, adaptive, expansive, and responsive to the changing and evolving academic interests and intellectual needs of our students. It is a major ideally suited for the ever-changing and rapidly-evolving 21st century workplace, preparing students for both existing careers and those not yet imagined. As students change and evolve, so does this major.

To further increase depth and focus, and to enhance expertise and career opportunities, Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts students are required to

complete a second field of study, which can be any minor, or a second major, or 21 credits (6 upper division) in a foreign language.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Think analytically and follow lines of thinking in both fact-based argumentation and problem-solving.
2. Know and utilize multiple ways of seeing for the purpose of productively living and affecting positive change in the world.
3. Write and speak clearly and persuasively in both traditional and emerging (digital) platforms.
4. Summarize and communicate information in a variety of traditional and emerging information sharing formats.
5. Practice humility, tolerance, and self-criticism and use each to further the fostering of free and flourishing communities and environments, both locally and globally.
6. Understand how to work successfully and collaboratively with a variety of disciplinary perspectives and expertise, and to use this integrative ability to get things done.
7. Empathize with others and act responsibly and collaboratively in ongoing efforts to ensure a better social, political, cultural, and environmental world.
8. Master cultural understanding and sensitivity in the context of informed citizenry, premised on responsible social, democratic, and environmental stewardship locally, nationally, and internationally.

Career Skills

Students will acquire the following career skills:

- critical thinking and problem-solving
- research, fact-based persuasion
- communication proficiency
- media | digital Information competency
- quantitative reasoning
- integrative thinking
- humanistic & cultural understanding
- interdisciplinary awareness
- creative design
- cooperative agency

Accelerated Program

The major in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts includes an accelerated program option (<https://provost.colostate.edu/accelerated-programs/>) for students to graduate on a faster schedule. Accelerated Programs typically include 15-16 credits each fall and spring semester for three years, plus 6-9 credits over two to three summer sessions. Students who enter CSU with prior credit (AP, IB, transfer, etc.) may use applicable courses to further accelerate their graduation. Visit the Office of the Provost website for additional information about Accelerated Programs (<https://provost.colostate.edu/accelerated-programs/>).

Potential Occupations

Graduates in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts apply their education in a wide variety of careers—existing and forthcoming—and/or academic professions, including public policy, politics, healthcare, artistic production, mass media, engineering, law, city planning, business,

information systems, international business, journalism, publishing, education, sales and marketing, management and administration, government, communications, museum work, entertainment, foreign service, and many others. Many also continue on to graduate or professional schools for more specialized study. To enhance their career, academic or professional opportunities, the Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts majors can take advantage of the widest variety of internships, professional practicums, and/or study abroad opportunities of any undergraduate degree on campus.

Change of Major

[To change your major, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117, or email \[cla_advising@colostate.edu\]\(mailto:cla_advising@colostate.edu\). More information is available on the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center website.](#)

Requirements

Effective Fall 2022

Second Field Requirement

Students in the Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts major must complete one of the following choices:

- A minor
- An interdisciplinary minor
- A second major
- 21 credits in a single language to include at least 6 upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits. At least 6 upper-division credits in this choice must be completed at CSU. (Completion of this choice is not transcribed.)

Freshman

	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
SPCM 200 Public Speaking		3
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)	1B	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)	3B	6
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)	3A	3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)	3D	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3C	3
Electives		6
Total Credits		30

Sophomore

Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences ¹		6
Second Field Requirements		7
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)	1C	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)	3A	4
Electives		10
Total Credits		30

Junior

LB 392 Junior Seminar		3
Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences ¹		6
Second Field Requirements		9
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences ²		9
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)	2	3
Total Credits		30

Senior

LB 490	Interdisciplinary Portfolio Workshop		1
LB 492	Liberal Arts Capstone Seminar	4A,4C	3
Second Field Requirement			6
AUCC 4B Course (see list below)		4B	3
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences ²			6
Electives ³			11
Total Credits			30
Program Total Credits:			120

AUCC 4B Course List

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
AMST 300/E 300	American Lives-Methods in American Studies	4B	3
ANTH 400/GR 400	History of Theory-Anthropology and Geography	4B	3
ART 310	History of American Art to 1945	4B	3
ART 311	Art of West and Central Africa	4B	3
ART 312	Pre-Columbian Art of Mesoamerica	4B	3
ART 314	Gender and Feminisms in Art History	4B	3
ART 315	United States Art 1945-1980	4B	3
ART 316	Art of the Pacific	4B	3
ART 410	Greek Art	4B	3
ART 411	History of Medieval Art	4B	3
ART 412	History of Italian Renaissance Art	4B	3
ART 414	History of Baroque and Rococo Art	4B	3
ART 415	History of 19th Century European Art	4B	3
ART 416	History of European Art, 1900 to 1945	4B	3
ART 417	Roman Art	4B	3
E 341	Literary Criticism and Theory	4B	3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	4B	3
ECON 492	Seminar	4B	3
HIST 492	Capstone Seminar	4B	3
JTC 415	Communications Law	4B	3
JTC 456/LB 456	Documentary Film as a Liberal Art	4B	3
LB 455/SPCM 455	Narrative Fiction Film as a Liberal Art	4B	3
LFRE 492	Seminar-French Language, Literature, and Society	4B	3
LGEN 492	Language, Literature, and Society-General	4B	3
LGER 492	Seminar-German Language, Literature, and Society	4B	3
LSPA 492	Seminar-Spanish Language, Literature, Society	4B	3
MU 334	Perspectives in Early Music History	4B	3
MU 335	Music of the Common Practice Era	4B	3
PHIL 462	Capstone Seminar	4B	3
POLS 302	U.S. Political Parties and Elections	4B	3
POLS 303	Politics of Organized Interests	4B	3

POLS 405	Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics	4B	3
POLS 420	History of Political Thought	4B	3
POLS 421	Contemporary Political Theories	4B	3
POLS 423	American Political Theories	4B	3
POLS 448	Comparative Racial/Ethnic Politics	4B	3
POLS 449	Middle East Politics	4B	3
SOC 311	Sociological Research Methods	4B	3
SPCM 341	Evaluating Contemporary Television	4B	3
SPCM 342	Critical Media Studies	4B	3
SPCM 350	Evaluating Contemporary Film	4B	3
SPCM 411	Contemporary Speeches on American Issues	4B	3
SPCM 412	Rhetorical Criticism	4B	3

¹ Choose courses not fulfilling another requirement in this major or the second field requirements from the following subject codes: ANTH, ART, CO, D, E, ECON, ETST, GR, HIST, JTC, L***, LB, MU, PHIL, POLS, PSY, SOC, SPCM, TH.

² Select a total of 15 upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits not fulfilling another requirement in this major or the second field requirements from at least two of the following subject codes: ANTH, ART, CO, D, E, ECON, ETST, GR, HIST, JTC, L***, LB, MU, PHIL, POLS, PSY (only 6 credits may come from PSY), SOC, SPCM, TH, WS.

³ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to 120, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

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Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)		X	1A	3
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X	1B	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	3
Elective				3

Total Credits

15

Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
SPCM 200 Public Speaking	X			3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			3D	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)			3C	3
Elective				3

CO 150 and AUCC 1B must be completed by the end of Semester 2. X

Total Credits				15
Sophomore				
Semester 3	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	4
Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
Second Field Course (See Requirements Tab)				3
Electives				5
Total Credits				15
Semester 4	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)			1C	3
Second Field Course(s)				4
Electives				5
Total Credits				15
Junior				
Semester 5	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
LB 392 Junior Seminar	X			3
Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)	X		2	3
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
Second Field Course				3
Total Credits				15
Semester 6	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Additional Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				6
Second Field Courses				6
Total Credits				15
Senior				
Semester 7	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
AUCC 4B Course (See List on Major Requirements Tab)	X		4B	3
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)				3
Second Field Course				3
Electives				6
Total Credits				15
Semester 8	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
LB 490 Interdisciplinary Portfolio Workshop	X			1
LB 492 Liberal Arts Capstone Seminar	X		4A,4C	3
Upper-Division Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences (See Requirements Tab)	X			3
Second Field Course	X			3
Electives	X			5
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.	X			
Total Credits				15
Program Total Credits:				120