

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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For students who wish to pursue interdisciplinary studies not available under established majors, The University of Virginia's College at Wise offers the Interdisciplinary Studies Major. This major is under the general supervision of the Interdisciplinary Studies Major Review Committee appointed by the Academic Dean. Students accepted into this program are designated Interdisciplinary Studies majors. Examples of past interdisciplinary majors are:

- Appalachian Studies
- Communication and Natural History combined
- English and Humanities combined
- English and Library Science combined
- History and Philosophy combined
- History and American Cultural Studies
- Physical Education and Related Studies

Students who elect this program must make application according to the following governing rules:

1. The student must recommend a Supervisory Committee consisting of at least three faculty members. The committee must be representative of the student's areas of interest and must be approved and appointed by the Academic Dean.
2. Written application to the Interdisciplinary Studies Major Review Committee should be made no later than the fourth semester of residence (or equivalent), and must be made prior to the attainment of 75 semester hours of credit toward the degree. A minimum of three full-time semesters must be devoted to the program.
3. The proposed academic program must meet the following criteria:
 - a. It is genuinely unique and not readily pursued within an existing major program.
 - b. It is a logical, consistent, and coherent approach toward a well-defined educational objective.
 - c. It includes at least 48 semester hours of upper division courses.
 - d. It satisfies the general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
 - e. It includes, in lieu of the traditional major, a major plan of study of at least 42 semester hours, none of which may be used to satisfy general education requirements.
 - f. It includes a capstone project which is designed to integrate the disciplines included in the major. The project will require a paper and oral

presentation.

g. It is realistic with regard to the staff and library resources of the College.

4. The student's advisor should, with the assistance of the student, develop learning outcomes for the major, and these learning outcomes should be incorporated into the program. The advisor, the Coordinator for Advising, Retention, and Assessment, and the Academic Dean should devise a plan for assessment of these outcomes once the student's proposal is accepted.

5. All courses in the proposed program (item 3e) should normally be completed at UVA-Wise and may not be taken under the credit-no credit option. Waiver of this requirement must be in accordance with item 6 below.

6. The proposed program and all revisions must be approved by the Supervisory Committee, the Interdisciplinary Studies Major Review Committee, and the Academic Dean.

7. Any deviation from these rules must be approved by the Interdisciplinary Studies Major Review Committee and the Academic Dean.

8. Additional information and application forms are available in the Office of the Academic Dean.

MINOR IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES

Coordinator: David L. Rouse

A minor in Appalachian Studies is available to give students an opportunity to explore the natural history, cultural history and future of the Appalachian Region in order to understand and celebrate those aspects that are unique or special, and to fit the region into the broader context of the nation and world. Effective leadership for the future of the Appalachian region as a viable environment and culture will come from those who understand the potential and the limitations of the region.

Students may develop a minor in consultation with the Appalachian Studies coordinator and the advisor of the academic major, using the following guidelines:

I. Adherence to the college policy on minors (page 96) requiring 18 semester hours at least 12 of which must be 300 level and above. Courses applied to requirements for a major may not be applied to a minor.

II. Courses chosen should provide a coherent approach to a well-defined educational objective. Focus may be on specific areas, such as art,

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literature, natural history, political philosophy, sociology, or a combination of these.

III. The program must be realistic in terms of course availability, staff and library resources.

IV. Courses used for the minor normally should be chosen from the following list. Other courses, including special topics, independent and studio projects, may be approved if they can be justified as consistent with student's specific goals. New courses appropriate for this minor may be developed and added to this list.

BIOL 331	Invertebrate Zoology
BIOL 335	Local Flora
BIOL 336	Evolutionary Morphology of Plants
BIOL 380	Natural History of the Appalachians
ENGL 393	Appalachian Prose and Poetry
GEOL 102	Historical Geology
HIST 389/489	Appalachia
HIST 393/492	Local History / Appalachian Studies
HUMN 110	Introduction to Appalachia
PHIL 315	Art and Culture
PHIL 320	Environmental Ethics
PSYC 300	Psychology of Gender
SOCI 375	Environmental Sociology
SOCI 381/382	Appalachian Seminar
THTR 395	Special Topics: Storytelling

MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Coordinator: Roman Zylawy

The minor in international studies is designed to provide students with understanding of the economic and political structures, languages and literatures, history and interrelationships of cultures other than their own. It is particularly suited to enhance the education of students majoring in English or history, concentrating in business, economics, or political science, or pursuing a major in foreign languages or foreign studies, but also useful for students in any other field of study such as the sciences. The student will plan a coherent curriculum in consultation with the international studies coordinator and the advisor of the academic major.

The minor will include:

I. **Six semester hours** in one foreign language beyond the general

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education requirements. Students may select French, German, or Spanish. Foreign students whose native language is not English may satisfy this requirement with six semester hours of English literature.

II. **Six semester hours** chosen from the following courses:

ECON 410	History of Economic Thought
POLS 305	Northern European Government and Politics
POLS 306	Southern European Government and Politics
POLS 481	International Relations
HIST 344/444	Contemporary History of the Western World

III. **Six semester hours** chosen from the following courses in consultation with the international studies coordinator:

COMM 324	Introduction to Film for Non-majors
ECON 421	Economic Development
ENGL 306	Western Literary Tradition II
SPAN 390	Latin American Seminar
HIST 343/443	Modern Europe from 1890 to 1945
HIST 346/446	Intellectual History of Europe in the 20th Century
HIST 354/454	History of Modern Russia
POLS 482	American Foreign Policy

MINOR IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Coordinator: Debra Carter

Leadership Studies is an interdisciplinary minor which integrates the cognitive, affective, and behavioral aspects of leadership throughout the various fields of academic study. Recognizing that leadership is a complex process necessary for students to become active in understanding social problems and solutions, the Leadership Studies minor will integrate courses to facilitate examination of leadership theory and principles, ethical issues related to leadership, multi-cultural perspectives, historical perspectives, social perspectives, and development of leadership competencies.

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I. Required courses:

BUAD 375: Organizational Leadership

II. Elective courses (students must select a minimum of 15 credit hours in at least three different disciplines):

BUAD 331: Principles of Management

(Students taking BUAD 331 may not take BUAD 450)

BUAD 335: Keys to Success

BUAD 341: Conflict Management

BUAD 351: Human Resource Management

BUAD 362: Social Issues and Business Ethics in Management

BUAD 450: Organizational Behavior

(Students taking BUAD 450 may not take BUAD 331)

COMM 340: Business and Professional Communication

COMM 440: Organizational Communication

ENGL 311: Women in Literature

HIST 368/468: Women in American History

NURS 384: Healthcare Leadership and Management

PHIL 310: Contemporary Moral Problems

POLS 311: Introduction to Public Administration

PSYC 306: Cultural Diversity

PSYC 320: Health Psychology

PSYC 495: Human Motivation

SOCI 312: Community and Social Change

SOCI 331: Social Psychology

SOCI 340: Complex Organizations

SOCI 360: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

MINOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Coordinator: Cindy Wilkey

The minor in women's studies is designed to provide students with an understanding of the challenges faced by women in the modern world. It is particularly suited for those students who wish to explore women's roles in contemporary society and how these roles may impinge on their

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activities as well as the activities of those with whom they interact. The student seeking the Minor in Women's Studies will plan a coherent curriculum for the minor in consultation with the Women's Studies coordinator and the advisor of the academic major.

The minor will include:

- I. Three hours selected from the following courses:

SOCI 155	Marriage and the Family
PSYC 300	Psychology of Gender

- II. Twelve hours selected from the following courses:

ENGL 312	Topics in Women's Literature: Women in Literature
ENGL 313	Topics in American Literature: Women's Literature: Creative Vision
ENGL 313	Topics in American Literature: The American Eve
ENGL 314	Topics in British Literature Victorian Women Novelists
HIST 347/447	Women in European History
HIST 368/468	Women in American History
SOCI 155	Marriage and the Family
SOCI 330	Sociology of Gender

- III. Three hours consisting of:

HUMN 395	Research in Women's Studies
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