Interdisciplinary Studies with Communication Concentration

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in communication allows students who are interested in continued study in the field of communication the curricular flexibility to satisfy their learning goals. The concentration includes course work in media studies, ePublishing, sports communication, organizational communication, communication theory, humor, intercultural communication, interpersonal communication, small groups and teams, mass media, and communication in professional settings.

Prior to the beginning of the junior year or upon declaration of the major, interdisciplinary studies majors are required to submit a well-reasoned plan of study to their faculty advisor. As a part of this plan, students will choose an overarching theme (e.g., cross-cultural leadership, gender studies, communication and crime, communication and professional writing), propose the course work that supports the theme, and articulate their intellectual interest or career objective that guides and justifies the selected course of study. The plan will also include the student’s immediate and long-term professional goals as well as the student’s academic goals. Once the plan of study is approved by the student’s faculty advisor, a copy will be submitted to the chair of the Department of Communication. As a part of their senior seminar, students will assess the extent to which their individual program and the skills and knowledge gained from the selected courses helped them achieve their personal and professional goals and will offer suggestions to strengthen the program for future majors.

Area A: Essential Skills

ENGL 1101  English Composition I  3
ENGL 1102  English Composition II  3
MATH 1001  Quantitative Skills/Reasoning  3
or MATH 1101  Intro to Mathematical Modeling
or MATH 1111  College Algebra

Area B: Institutional Options

COMM 1110  Fundamentals of Speech  3
Choose one of the following:  1
COMM 1120  Argumentation and Advocacy
ENGL 1105  Intro to Greek Mythology
ENGL 1110  Creative Writing
GEOL 1000  Natural Hazards
HIST 1050  Appalachian Hist-Special Topic
HIST 1051  Sports Hist & Amer Character
HUMN 1000  Mystery Fiction in Pop Culture
HUMN 1100  Political and Social Rhetoric
HUMN 1300  Christian Fiction/Pop Culture
PHED 1030  Health & Wellness Concepts
SOCI 1000  Race and Ethnicity in America

Area C: English/Humanities/Fine Arts

Choose one to two ENGL course(s):  3-6
ENGL 2111  World Literature I

Area D: Science/Mathematics/Technology

Two of the following Lab Science Electives:  8
BIOL 1105K  Environmental Studies
BIOL 1107K  Principles of Biology I
BIOL 1108K  Principles of Biology II
BIOL 1203K  Principles of Botany
BIOL 1224K  Entomology
CHEM 1151K  Survey of Chemistry
CHEM 1211K  Principles of Chemistry I
CHEM 1212K  Principles of Chemistry II
GEOL 1121K  Principles of Geology
GEOL 1122K  Historical Geology
GEOL 1131K  Geology & the Environment
PHYS 1111K  Introductory Physics I
PHYS 1112K  Introductory Physics II
PHYS 2211K  Principles of Physics I
PHYS 2212K  Principles of Physics II
One of the following electives:  3-4
ASTR 1010  Astronomy of the Solar System
ASTR 1020  Stellar and Galactic Astronomy
BIOL 1105K  Environmental Studies
BIOL 1107K  Principles of Biology I
BIOL 1108K  Principles of Biology II
BIOL 1203K  Principles of Botany
BIOL 1224K  Entomology
CHEM 1151K  Survey of Chemistry
CHEM 1211K  Principles of Chemistry I
CHEM 1212K  Principles of Chemistry II
CMPS 1130  Computer Concepts/Programming
CMPS 1301  Principles of Programming I
CMPS 1302  Principles of Programming II
GEOL 1121K  Principles of Geology
GEOL 1122K  Historical Geology
GEOL 1131K  Geology & the Environment
MATH 1113  Precalculus Mathematics
MATH 2181  Applied Calculus
MATH 2200  Introduction to Statistics

Total Hours  121-122
MATH 2253 Calculus and Analytic Geom I
PHYS 1111K Introductory Physics I
PHYS 1112K Introductory Physics II
PHYS 2211K Principles of Physics I
PHYS 2212K Principles of Physics II

Area E: Social Sciences
HIST 2111 United States History to 1877 3
or HIST 2112 United States Hist since 1877
POLS 1101 American Government 3
Choose two of the following electives: 6
ANTH 1103 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics
GEOG 1100 Introduction to Geography
or GEOG 11 Intro to Human Geography
or GEOG 11 Intro to Physical Geography
HIST 1111 World Civilization to 1650 CE
HIST 1112 World Civilization since 1650
HIST 2111 United States History to 1877
HIST 2112 United StatesHist since 1877
PHIL 1103 Intro to World Religions
PHIL 2010 Intro to Philosophical Issues
PHIL 2020 Logic and Critical Thinking
POLS 2101 Intro to Political Science
POLS 2201 State and Local Government
POLS 2301 Comparative Politics
POLS 2401 International Relations
PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 2101 Psychology of Adjustment
PSYC 2103 Human Development
SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 1160 Social Problems

Area F: Major Related 18
18 credit hours chosen from Areas B-F. Courses previously used to satisfy other Area B-F requirements cannot be shared here. Please note that courses from Area B are one-credit hour.

ESSENTIAL AREAS 15
ENGL 3000 Writing for Educ/Soc Sciences 3
12 additional credit hours, with at least 3 hours above the 2000-level
* Humanities: 0-3 hours of courses in literature, composition, music, theatre, and/or film
* Social Sciences: 3-6 hours of courses in anthropology, criminal justice, philosophy, political science, psychology, and/or sociology
* Communication: 3-6 hours of courses in communication and/or foreign language
* History: 3-6 hours of courses in history and/or geography

REQUIRED MINOR 15-18
Grades of C or better required. Students may choose any Dalton State minor that can be completed with 15-18 credit hours. Courses used here may not be shared with any other block. Students may need to use a free elective to satisfy prerequisites.

UPPER-LEVEL COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATION 21
Students must complete the required courses (listed below) as well as three additional communication (COMM) courses at the 3000-4000 level. Although only one is required, both COMM 4180 and COMM 4602 may be taken towards the fulfillment of this area.

Communication Concentration Required Courses
COMM 3100 Intro to Communication Theory 3
COMM 3301 Communication for Prof Setting 3
COMM 3400 Organizational Communication 3
COMM 4180 Media Effects 3
or COMM 4602 Mass Media and Society

Communication Concentration Electives
Choose three of the following: 9
COMM 3200 Sports Communication
COMM 3220 Persuasive Communication
COMM 3425 Communication Small Grps/Teams
COMM 3500 Humor Communication
COMM 3801 Epublishing
COMM 3900 Special Topics Communication
COMM 4000 Communication Internship
COMM 4180 Media Effects
COMM 4300 Emerging Media
COMM 4425 Intercultural Communication
COMM 4602 Mass Media and Society

FREE ELECTIVES
Courses may be selected from any of the College's offerings (with the 3-6 exception of career/technical courses) to complement the student's program or satisfy a prerequisite.

SENIOR CAPSTONE
INTS 4999 Interdisciplinary Studies Sem ** 3

Physical Education
PHED Activity Elective 1

Total Hours 121-122
** ENGL 3000 with a C or better and a 2.0 GPA are prerequisites for INTS 4999.

The total number of hours required for the baccalaureate in interdisciplinary studies is 121, with at least 39 hours of upper-division course work overall. Hours completed in one area cannot be counted toward another area. For example, hours taken to satisfy Essential Areas cannot be counted toward the Required Minor.