

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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## Programs Offered

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*The Interdisciplinary Studies (ITDS) Program is currently accepting applications for the German Cultural Studies BA special major (see p.166). All other study plans in the ITDS Program are currently under revision. Therefore, no ITDS applications (other than those for German Cultural Studies), will be accepted at this time.*

Bachelor of Arts in the Special Major  
Bachelor of Science in the Special Major  
Special Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Students interested in designing an interdisciplinary program can pursue a bachelor's degree in the special major and a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies. The undergraduate special major and the graduate major in interdisciplinary studies are designed for students whose particular interests, backgrounds, or professional objectives are not served by a traditional degree program. The purpose of these majors is to provide a carefully controlled opportunity for qualified students to design, with faculty approval, a flexible interdisciplinary course of study that leads to a bachelor's or master's degree. Admission is limited to those whose individualized programs can be organized around a special topic or a cross-disciplinary inquiry that is original and involves work in more than one department. Interested students should contact the coordinator of interdisciplinary studies (ITDS), who initiates the application and screening process.

The special and interdisciplinary studies majors are not intended to bypass normal graduation requirements and may not be used to duplicate formally structured programs at Sonoma State University or other service-area institutions. The reason for this restriction is that these programs should be reserved for students whose special interests cross disciplinary lines and who find appropriate faculty expertise here.

## Application requirements for all programs

1. All students must apply for admission to the special major or the major in interdisciplinary studies. Before developing a program proposal, the student must consult with the interdis-

ciplinary studies coordinator, who will initiate the application and screening process and will help identify faculty advisors to serve as an academic advisory committee.

2. There must be at least two faculty members for the special major and three faculty members for the master's in interdisciplinary studies who agree to constitute the advisory committee and act as advisors for each student's program of study. It is the student's responsibility to contact these advisors to plan with them a coherent, original, and feasible course of study. One committee member must agree to be the committee's chair and to be the student's principal advisor on matters related to the major course of study and all other graduation requirements.
3. In consultation with the ITDS coordinator and the academic advisory committee, each student must complete a program proposal and submit it in duplicate to the ITDS coordinator by an application deadline. There are three proposal deadlines each semester.
4. Filing a proposal application with the ITDS coordinator does not ensure acceptance in the special major or interdisciplinary studies program. Each proposal must be evaluated by the ITDS committee. The committee may recommend approval or conditional approval of the application, may request that the application be reworked and resubmitted, or may reject the application. Approved programs must then be approved by the Associate Vice President of Academic Programs. If the application is approved at both levels of review, the student may register as a special major or as a major in interdisciplinary studies.

## Bachelor of Arts or Science in the Special Major

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Degree Requirements	Units
General education	50
Major requirements (core and supporting)	45
General electives	25
<b>Total units needed for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

## Requirements for the Special Major

A 3.00 grade point average is a prerequisite to application. The special major is a unique major that suits individual goals and is personally valuable, but may pose professional obstacles. Career goals and prerequisites for higher degrees should be reviewed before proceeding with this major.

The special major consists of 45 units of course work in two or more disciplines; 24-26 upper-division units constitute the core courses, while the remaining units may include lower-division courses.

To be considered for the special major, the student must have more than one full year (31 units or more) of course work in the major still to be completed after approval by the ITDS committee and

the filing of the Change of Major form. Work in progress during the semester of the proposal's approval will count toward the 31 units.

For detailed guidelines and the application form for the special major, go to [www.sonoma.edu/itds](http://www.sonoma.edu/itds). At the time you apply for a special major, you should have completed at least half of your GE requirements and should be in your junior year.

## Bachelor of Arts in the Special Major: German Cultural Studies

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The special major in German Cultural Studies offers students an interdisciplinary B.A. that incorporates language courses required for the German minor plus courses in other disciplines. It enriches students' academic and career opportunities by providing them with important skills to find employment in our increasingly interconnected world. The special major prepares students for international or cross-cultural careers in the USA or abroad that require a basic knowledge of the German language, history and culture as well as skills in cross-cultural communication. Recognizing the increasing interconnections in our global world, and Germany as one of the key players within the EU and in the international arena, the B.A. program prepares students for graduate school and careers in a field of their interest. Please review the Sample Four-Year-Plans that suggest two different pathways: "Plan A" suggests a pathway for students who take courses at SSU and do not study abroad; "Plan B" offers a pathway for students who study abroad for one year.

### Requirements for the Special Major

*As part of the core requirement, students must complete an internship (German culture or language experience in a professional setting) and a senior project. Additionally, students must pass the "Goethe-Zertifikat B1"-Proficiency Examination, the internationally recognized language certificate offered annually at SSU under the auspices of the Goethe Institute.*

*(See page 168 for a sample four-year program.)*

Degree Requirements	Units
General education (50, 10-11 in major)	39-40
Core Courses	27
Supporting Courses	19-20
Elective Courses	33-35
<b>Total units needed for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

*Note: Courses must be taken for a letter grade, except for courses that are offered Cr/NC only. Students must earn a C- or higher grade in all courses.*

### Prerequisites

GER 101 First Semester: The Personal World	4
GER 101L Language Laboratory	1

### Core Courses (required)

GER 102 Second Semester: Contemporary Germany	4
GER 200 Intermediate German: The German-Speaking World Today	4
GER 210 Intermediate German through Film	4
GER 314 Literature of the German-Speaking World	4
GER 315 German Language and Literature	1
GER 300 Advanced German Cultural Studies	4
GER 395 German Culture/Language Experience (Community Involvement Project in the USA or abroad)	2
ITDS 499/GER 495 Senior Project	4

### Supporting Courses (required)

GER 101L Language Laboratory	1
GER 102L Language Laboratory	1
GER 200L Language Laboratory	1
GER 210L Language Laboratory	1
HIST 415 Eastern Europe, 1815-1918	4
or: HIST 416 Eastern Europe: 1918-1989	4
or: HIST 418 Fall of European Communism	4
POLS 307 Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide	4
POLS 350 European Parliamentary Democracies	4
ARTH 464 History of Modern Art: 20th Century	3-4

### Electives

#### Select from these courses (23-24 units):

ANTH 200 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTH 203 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 480 Studies of Language Use	4
ANTH 380 Language, Culture and Society	4
ANTH 382 Language Change	4
ARTH 466 Contemporary Art	3-4
BUS 391 Cross-cultural Communication and Negotiation	4
BUS 393 Introduction to International Business	4
COMS 321 International Communication	4
ECON 204 Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
ECON 303 International Economics	4
ENG 341 Explorations in Language	4
ENG 343 Youth and Literature	4
ENG 379 Structure of English: Pedagogical Grammar	4
ENG 491 Seminar in Teaching Composition	4
ENG 492 Reading and Responding to Literature	4
GEOG 320 Geopolitics	4
HIST 202 Development of the Modern World	3
HIST 380 Twentieth-Century World	3
HIST 401 The Roman Empire	4
HIST 406 The Crusades	4
HIST 408 The Early Middle Ages	4
HIST 409 The High Middle Ages	4
HIST 410 Early Modern Europe: 1350-1789	4
HIST 412 Europe since 1914	4
MUS 250 Survey of European Music	3

MUS 251 History of Western Music: Ancient World to 1750	3
MUS 252 History of Western Music: 1750-Present	3
MUS 310 Theory III: Form and Analysis	3
MUS 316 Diction: French and German	1-2
MUS 325 SSU Chorus	1-2
MUS 410 Theory IV: 20th Century Techniques	3
MUS 343 Studies in Musical Genres	3
<i>Note: Only counts for special major if composers from the German-speaking world are taught</i>	
MUS 344 Studies-Specific Composers	3
<i>Note: Only counts for special major if composers from the German-speaking world are taught</i>	
PHIL 207 Philosophical Movements*	4
PHIL 303 Social and Political Philosophy*	4
PHIL 307 Philosophical Figures**	4
SOCI 375 Sociological Theory	4
THAR 203 Introduction to the History of Drama and Dance: 1800 to Present	4
THAR 320A Intermediate Acting Block	5
THAR 371B History of Dance B	3
THAR 420A Advanced Acting Block	2-5

\* Students must check with the Department of Philosophy on a semester-by-semester basis to inquire if the course offered in that particular semester includes sufficient "German" content.

### Special Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies

The special minor has the following features and requirements:

1. The minor consists of 21-24 units of coursework from two or more departments;
2. Two-thirds of these units must be in upper-division course work;
3. Two-thirds of the minor must remain to be completed at the time the minor is approved. Work in progress during the semester of the minor's approval counts toward the two-thirds requirement;
4. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 in order to apply;
5. A student will not be considered for a special minor before the student's junior year; and
6. A special minor must have the same coherence and academic integrity as are demanded of a special major and is subject to the same application process.

For detailed guidelines and the application form for the special minor, go to [www.sonoma.edu/itds](http://www.sonoma.edu/itds)

### Master of Arts or Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Degree Requirements	Units
Major requirements	30-32
Total units needed for graduation	30-32

#### Requirements for the M.A. or M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies

##### Prerequisites to Application

- Admission to the University in conditionally classified graduate status; and
- A grade point average of at least 3.00 for the last 60 units of college work attempted.

##### Prerequisite to Acceptance

- Passage of the Written English Proficiency Test (WEPT). Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude Test scores are not required, but may be submitted in support of the application; and
- The candidate for this degree must comply with the normal regulations governing graduate study at Sonoma State as described in this catalog.

##### Course Requirements

General course and unit requirements:

- The master's in interdisciplinary studies consists of a minimum of 30 units to a maximum of 32 units in two or more disciplines.
- At least 20 units must be graded (A-F); the remainder (up to one-third of the total number of units of the major) may be taken in a nontraditional grading mode. (In order to receive a Credit (Cr) grade in a graduate level class, the student must earn the equivalent of B- or better.)
- The student must have at least 15 units of the major still to be completed after approval of the proposal by the Associate Vice President of Academic Programs. Units completed during the semester of the proposal's approval count toward these 15 units.
- At least 21 semester units shall be completed in residence.
- At least 15 of the 21 in-residence units shall be in graduate (500-level) courses. The remaining units may be in 300- or 400-level courses.

For detailed guidelines and the application form for the master's degree in interdisciplinary studies, go to [www.sonoma.edu/itds](http://www.sonoma.edu/itds)

## Sample Four-year Program for Bachelor of Arts in the Special Major: German Cultural Studies

### Plan A: Studies at SSU

#### FRESHMAN YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
MLL 161A: GER 101 (C3) (4)	MLL 161B: GER 102 (4)
GE (A2) (4)	GE (A3) (2)
GE (A3) (2)	
GE (B1) (4)	GE (C1) (4)
GER 101L (1)	GE (B4) (4)
	GER 102L (1)

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
GER 200 (4)	GER 210 (4)
GER 200L (1)	GER 210L (1)
GE (B2) (3)	GE (B3) (3)
GE (D1) (4)	GE (D3) (3)
Elective (3)	Elective (4)

#### JUNIOR YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
GER 314 (C2) (4)	GER 300 (4)
GER 315 (1)	POLS 307 (D5) (4)
ARTH 464 (C1) (3-4)	GE (E) (3)
GE (D2) (3)	Elective (4)
Electives (3-4)	

#### SENIOR YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
GER 395 (2)	ITDS 499/GER 495 (Senior Project) (4)
Supporting Course (4)	Supporting Course (3)
Elective (9)	GE (D4) (4)
	Elective (4)

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

## Sample Four-year Program for Bachelor of Arts in the Special Major: German Cultural Studies

### Plan B: Studies at SSU, including Study in a German-Speaking Country

#### FRESHMAN YEAR: 29 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14 Units)</i>
MLL 161A: GER 101 (C3) (4)	MLL 161B: GER 102 (4)
GER 101L (1)	GER 102L (1)
GE (A3) (2)	GE (A3) (2)
GE (B1) (4)	POLS 307 GE (D5) (4)
GE (A2) (4)	GE (B4) (4)

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR: 30-31 Units

<i>Fall Semester (16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14-15 Units)</i>
GER 200 (4)	GER 210 (4)
GER 200L (1)	GER 210L (1)
GE (B2) (3)	ARTH 464 (C1) (3-4)
GE (D1) (4)	GE B3 (3)
Elective (4)	GE D3 (3)

#### JUNIOR YEAR: 30 Units

#### *Fall and Spring Abroad:*

Intermediate German Language Courses: 6 units at 200 level (or higher)  
 Upper-Division German Language Courses: 8 units at 300 level and higher  
 German Culture/History (in German): 6 units at 200 level and higher  
 German Literature (in German): 4 units at 200 level and higher  
*(counts for Core Requirement & G.E. C2)*  
 Other courses: 6 units (e.g. courses in concentration or covering G.E.)  
*Note: Courses taken abroad may count for Supporting Courses (up to 8 units) and Elective Courses (up to 14-15 units).*

#### SENIOR YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
GER 395 (2)	GER 300 (4)
GER 315 (1)	ITDS 499/GER 495 (Senior Project) (4)
Elective (3)	Elective (3)
Supporting Course (3)	G.E. D4 (4)
GE (D2) (3)	
GE (E) (3)	

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

*(Including 39-40 units in General Education, 27 units of Core Courses, 19-20 units of Supporting Courses, and 33-35 units of Elective Courses)*