

# The Way We Were



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## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

**Interdisciplinary Major ..... 54-120**

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*Note: Students interested in such individualized programs should contact the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR, 97361, (503) 838-8226.*

### Interdisciplinary Studies

Coordinator: LaRon Tolley

#### Mission

The undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies program (IDS) meets the University's academic standards of both the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and the Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees. These are individualized degrees that allow students to develop cross-disciplinary academic focus areas that fall outside or across the usual departmental boundaries. With the assistance of an IDS academic adviser, students design their own rigorous and coherent program that leads to the following outcomes:

#### Learning outcomes

1. Develops an understanding of the value and opportunities provided by a broad education required in most professions/careers.
2. Contributes to professional growth, career aspirations and/or prepares for future graduate study.
3. Provides flexible options allowing students to: create their own degree path from the outset, follow non-departmental topic areas of interest, and/or elect to change academic majors/path without significant delay to graduation time lines.



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(54-120 credits)

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A minor is not required.

Students interested in the Interdisciplinary Studies program should contact the IDS office at 503-838-8690 or 503-838-8697.

## Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

<b>Students graduating with a degree in IDS</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>BS</b>	<b>Total</b>
2004-05	13	43	56
2005-06	19	33	52
2006-07	14	31	45
2007-08	18	19	37
2008-09	18	52	70
2009-10	17	41	58
2010-11	12	54	66
2011-12	21	54	75
2012-13	24	70	94
2013-14	19	65	84
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## The team since June 2016

Bob Hautala

Ryan Hickerson

Shaun Huston

Sriram Khé

Marjory Lange

Jeff Myers

Susan Griffin

Sue Monahan

## Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Faculty advisers: Bob Hautala (Exercise Science), Ryan Hickerson (Philosophy), Shaun Huston (Geography), Sriram Khe (Geography), Marjory Lange (English), Sue Monahan (Sociology), Jeff Myers (Earth Science)

Academic program coordinator: Susan Griffin

#### Mission

The faculty at WOU recognizes the importance of meeting the needs and interests of all students. Accordingly, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program offer an opportunity to construct individualized majors based on student interests and goals.

#### Learning outcomes

1. Define learning goals.
2. Design an interdisciplinary program of study for achievement of those goals.
3. Differentiate the ways of knowing, the conventions and methods used in that program.
4. Explain appropriate theoretical and practical connections among the chosen areas of study.
5. Demonstrate reflection and self-assessment in completing the program of study.

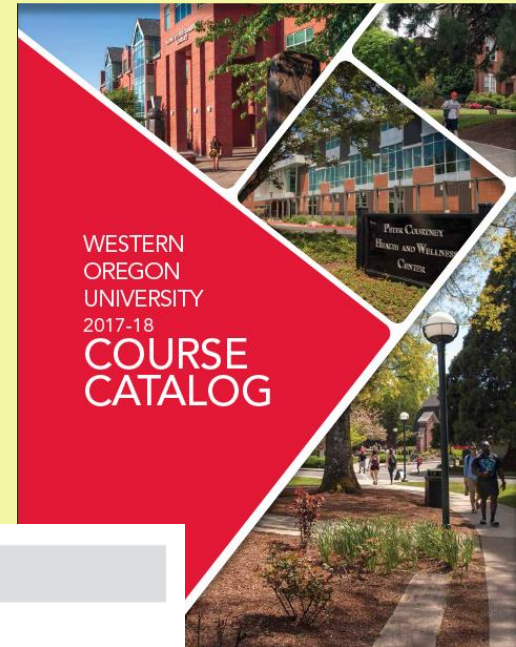
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## Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)



### An IDS degree is a good choice if:

- you have interests that lead you to ask questions across traditional disciplinary boundaries,
- the career path you envision for yourself does not fit into just one area of study,
- you like the challenge of pulling things together from different areas,
- you have taken previous coursework across a variety of fields

## WELCOME

### to Interdisciplinary Studies

*Think big,*

*Go broad,*

*Build your own road*

### Combinations of study

- Public Relations/Community Planning
- Environmental Studies/Journalism
- Sports Psychology – Health/Physical Education
- Natural Science Illustration – Creative arts/Science
- Public Policy/Business Administration
- Corporate Training – Social

## Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

### Think outside the box. Build your own program

- If you enjoy **science and writing**, a combination of natural sciences and humanities course work would be good preparation for environmental journalism or technical writing.
- If **gender studies** is of interest, you can combine course work in social science, humanities, community health and behavioral sciences to better understand this interdisciplinary field of study.
- Students committed to **social advocacy** and change could benefit from course work in sociology, communication studies, political science and even marketing.
- Students fascinated by culture might combine course work in anthropology, geography, art history and English literature.

### MEET TUYEN BOLTON



### Develop your own DEGREE and Achieve your GOALS

With the help of an academic advisor, you may develop your own degree plan with flexibility to match specific areas of interest, career goals and/or future graduate studies

**Step 1:** Please contact [Susan Griffin](#) Phone: 503-838-8226 | Email: [ids@wou.edu](mailto:ids@wou.edu)

**Step 2:** Complete a [Change of Major form](#) and submit to Susan Griffin when you meet for advising session.

**Step 3:** You will be assigned a faculty advisor

Interdisciplinary Studies Advising faculty:

Dr. Bob Hautula

Dr. Ryan Hickerson

Dr. Shaun Huston

Dr. Sriram Khe'

Dr. Marjory Lange

Dr. Sue Monahan

Dr. Jeff Myers

### CONTACT US

#### Interdisciplinary Studies

[Susan Griffin](#)

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## Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

Students majoring in IDS	
Term	# of Students
Winter 2016	106
Spring 2016	120
Fall 2016	107
Winter 2017	129
Spring 2017	126
Fall 2017	148*

\* In addition, eight new students have contacted Susan about switching to IDS—in the first two weeks of Fall 2017.



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<b>2016-17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>

# Students and Learning:

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## Coming soon ...

### Capstone

- One-credit portfolio
- One- to twelve-credits of advanced work

### Self-designed focus areas

## Program Governance:

WOU Moodle

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Interdisciplinary Studies